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### Musings By an Innocent Bystander

The Sage hath spoken—and a whole lot of us are still unconvinced. The President's latest effusion wasn't up to his usual standard, or else we have become hardened against that golden voice. Somehow it just didn't "click."

There were a lot of things about that "fireside chat" which we could not agree, and first among these was the statement that "I, and with me a large majority of the American people, favor the immediate passage of this legislation," or words to that effect. We'll admit that the great and only "I" no doubt favors it, but we'll be blown if we believe a "large majority" of the American people want any such thing. If they do, they are mighty modest about saying so, at least in our hearing.

And then again, His Nibs stated that the nullifying of the gold clause in government obligations and the wholesale taking away of all gold money from the people by presidential proclamation, which act was upheld by a mere 5-4 vote of the Supreme Court, was all that saved this country from "chaos" back in 1933. He said the changing of one lone vote in the court would have brought on a great catastrophe. We'll be darned if we can see how. But of course, never having been associated with the "malefactors of great wealth" as he has been all his life, we don't profess to understand such things. "Me and the other fellers" among us common folks still believe even a government ought to keep its word.

And another thing which is bedeviling our poor tired brain: How will the addition of more men to the Supreme Court speed up the deliberations of that august body? Will it be any easier to get fifteen men, young or old, to agree upon a given subject than it now is to get nine men in line? Of course, we understand that the Rooseveltian idea is that every darned one of the present members of the court who are above 70 will hasten to get off the bench as soon as the new Act makes it possible and lay around the rest of their lives on full pay.

Maybe they will, and we won't blame them a bit if they do, but in that case this country is going to lose the services of some mighty brilliant minds. And also we'd like to know just where they are going to find any better or fairer among the whole Farley ensemble.

From time immemorial mankind has depended upon the "elder statesman" for the wise and just pondering of all matters of grave concern. Youth has its place, of course, but only with the passing years comes real wisdom. And so as we sit here and ponder tonight this whole idea seems to us like the action of a spoiled "Mamma's Darling" who hasn't been allowed to go his own way all the time.

We ran across an item today calling attention to the fact that out of the thousands of cases which have come before the Supreme Court since its inception, hundreds involving the question of the constitutionality of some act of Congress, only 19 were decided as unconstitutional and of these only 16 were of nationwide significance. And 8 out of the 16 have come since the New Deal was proposed four short years ago. Some more "cockeyed" stuff, looks like.

We note that the spring cleanup is well under way. Bert has been busier than a cat on a tin roof hauling away the winter's accumulation about the town. Good work, fellows, clean ours up too.

We want to whisper a warning word to the parents of all small boys about our town. If you don't want to see your boy in trouble or mixed up in some affair in which the courts are called upon to act, better see that they cut out the sling-shots and 22 rifles. This part of the Rogue River valley has become entirely too thickly settled for boys to roam about doing promiscuous shooting. Better just take those weapons away and keep them out of reach of your youngsters and not take chances.

Three times in the last four days this writer has been called into court as probation officer of Jackson county to represent small boys who had gotten into trouble. It isn't a pleasant task to have to bring these youngsters up before the law. But the law-abiding citizens of our community have a right to protection and we, as sworn supporters of the law, must provide that protection. Let us hope that with your hearty cooperation our young folks may be kept out of mischief.

We see that Bro. Hall of the Miner has so far recovered his bravado now that H. B. H. has taken flight that he is inflicting his community with two issues a week of his scandal sheet. How that kid does grow!

By the way, can't some of you

### ROBERT PURUCKER, ALVIN T. THORBUS VICTIMS OF TRAIN

A grade crossing tragedy which snuffed out the lives of two promising young men, occurred at the Seven Oaks crossing two miles north of this city Sunday morning, when a south-bound Southern Pacific passenger train struck the car in which Robert Purucker, 29, and Alvin T. Thorbus, 17, were riding, totally demolishing the car and causing the instant death of both young men.

The boys were engaged in delivering the Sunday Oregonian and had just delivered a paper at the W. K. Parker home, about 30 yards west of the crossing. Starting on toward the Pacific highway, the boys apparently did not see or hear the approaching train and drove onto the track immediately in front of the huge engine. The car was picked up by the engine and carried almost a quarter of a mile before becoming dislodged and tumbling into the ditch beside the track.

The Purucker body was thrown clear of the train about 90 feet from the point of impact, but the body of young Purucker was caught in the crushed seat of the car and was with extreme difficulty released by Coroner Frank Perl, who arrived on the scene shortly after the accident.

At a coroner's inquest held Monday afternoon the jury found the accident to be "unavoidable." The engineer of the train testified he did not see the car until just before the impact and that apparently neither of the boys saw the train at all.

Robert Purucker has been a carrier for the Medford Mail Tribune for a number of years and also delivered the Oregonian throughout the northern part of the county. Alvin Thorbus was also a Tribune carrier and was accompanying Purucker for the ride at the time of the accident.

### Historic Maury Farm Is Sold Dr. Elliott

The historic old Maury Farm on the Central Point-Jacksonville road has been sold by Henry Maury to Dr. B. R. Elliott of Medford.

This place was taken up in 1853 and the abstract is very interesting. The place was first recorded on page 16 of Book 1 of Jackson County's Deed and Mortgage Records, the County's first record book. The Maury family has farmed the place for nearly 70 years. Mr. Henry and Miss Mary Maury's father, Mr. Reuben F. Maury came out to the California Gold fields in 1849, and came to the Rogue River valley in the early fifties. He was later made Colonel in the U. S. Army.

In the early days, the farm supplied most of the vegetables for the town of Jacksonville, and old timers of that area state that their earliest recollections of food from the garden are associated with the Maury farm.

The land carries a free water right from Griffin Creek. It was the first given from this creek and is dated 1876. The dam for irrigation is a favorite swimming hole for the youngsters of the neighborhood.

The entire 75 acres are very fertile and the place ranks among the most excellent farms in the valley. There are some very large walnut and box elder trees about the house. There is no fruit on the place. It is given over to general farming, wheat, alfalfa, corn, ladina clover and onions being the usual crops. The farm now carries a few cows, hogs, and sheep. Operations will be continued along the same lines, though the new owner expects to gradually develop a herd of Guernsey cows and keep also some Duroc hogs. Dr. Elliott stated that he has planned for 20 years to acquire a farm of this type.

Ed Gilmore, who has been on the place for several years, will continue there. Mr. Gilmore is an experienced farmer and is especially well versed in dairy cattle.

Mr. Henry and Miss Mary Maury will continue to live in the old home until the latter part of April, when they expect to move to the Isaacson property in Central Point, which they purchased recently.

The farm being only four miles from his office, Dr. Elliott expects to move on to the place after the house has been repainted and some remodeling done. Having been a member of the Central Point Grange for several years, and being closer to Central Point, it is natural to assume that the Elliotts will be more closely associated with Central Point and her people.

### GOVERNOR SIGN PIN-BALL BAN

SALEM, March 8.—(Sp.)—Governor Charles H. Martin added his signature to two bills outlawing jukeboxes, pinball and slot machines, but removed the emergency clause on one of the measures.

Other folks are going on that beautification course this year. We have been too darned busy to start any thing, but we'd sure like to see it come through as usual.

### Brief Summary Shows Cost of Local Library

There will be a meeting of all those interested in the support of the Central Point Public Library Monday afternoon, March 15, at the library building (old City Hall) at 2 o'clock. Everyone who possibly can should attend.

In order to more clearly set forth the situation regarding the local library we give the following summary of the history of the library since its beginning.

The Central Point Public Library, a branch of the Jackson County Library, was first opened in the Copley building in this city on February 1929. At that time, a library association was organized and a board of directors appointed. Mr. W. A. Copley, owner of the big cement building on the corner of Pine and 2nd street, donated the use of a room in his building and also paid for the lights. All money used by the library was raised either by popular subscription or by dinners, entertainments, etc. No salary was paid to the librarian.

In 1925 the county court decided to pay a small sum monthly to aid in supporting the branches of the county library. Since then the county has paid \$5.00 per month to the local library. During the year prior to that the library board allowed Mrs. Moore, librarian, \$1 for each day the library was open.

In 1929 the school board voted to pay \$5.00 per month to the library, and the city also started paying the same amount. The next year, however, the school board discovered they had no authority to pay out school money for such a purpose and withdrew their support. The city then agreed to pay \$10 per month instead of \$5.00. The city also be-

gan at that time to furnish the wood for the library. In 1931 the city started paying \$1 a month for light.

Soon after the death of Mr. Copley and the consequent change in ownership of the building, the library was moved to the Merritt building, which Mrs. Merritt gave rent free. During the time the library was in that building, (from 1931 to 1936) the cost to the city for library support was \$10.00 per month, cash; about \$6.00 per year for wood, and \$1.00 per month for light, or a total of \$11.50 per month.

When the Merritt building was sold last fall to Mrs. Damon, the library was compelled to find new quarters. Application was made to the city for the use of the old city hall, which had been vacant since the city officers were moved to the old bank building. The city council voted to allow the library to use this building, at least temporarily, although some of the councilmen expressed the opinion that the city should not be expected to furnish both a building and cash for the library.

At the regular March meeting of the council it was voted to pay the February allotment of \$10 but to make that the last payment. No action was taken regarding the use of the old city hall building, although there was some discussion regarding the use of the building by the city for the storing of the fire equipment.

A movement is under way to again organize a library association to assume the financial responsibility for the library. Much interest has been aroused among the residents of the community and no doubt is felt that some satisfactory solution of the problem of raising the necessary funds will be found. Meanwhile Mrs. Moore is continuing to keep the library open as usual.

### Jewett to Report At Salem Meet

H. P. Jewett, principal of the Central Point High School, is a member of the Committee on Custodial Administration which will make a report at the annual conference of city superintendents to be held in Salem on Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20. The other members of his committee are E. H. Hedrick, superintendent of the Medford Public Schools, chairman, and Fred Peterson, district superintendent of Klamath County.

This is the second annual city school superintendents' conference to be held under the joint auspices of the department of superintendence of the Oregon State Teachers Association and the State Department of Education. Frank B. Bennett, superintendent of schools at Tillamook, is the president of the conference and Silas Gaiser, superintendent of schools at Salem, is the secretary. Important committee reports will be given on the following subjects: Custodial Administration, Junior High School Program for Oregon, and General Health Education Program in Cooperation with the Oregon Medical Association.

### W. S. Gillmore, 77, Fells Dead at Work

W. S. Gillmore, 77, better known as "Uncle Billy," passed away about 4:20 yesterday afternoon at the Otto Bohnert ranch west of town. Death was attributed to Cerebral Hemorrhage.

Mr. Gillmore was working in the electric hot house at the Bohnert Gardens planting tomatoes when he was seen to collapse. Death was practically instantaneous.

### Grade Teachers Fete Hi Faculty at Dinner

Members of the high school faculty were guests of the grade school teachers at a delicious Turkey dinner Wednesday evening at the high school.

The motif of Saint Patrick's day was seen in the invitations and featured in the table decorations.

Twentyone members were present. Miss Alice Anderson was chairman of the party committee. The grade teachers acted out various trade slogan used in ads and the faculty guessed the name. This was one of the jolliest games of the year.

### Need for Bank Shown of Late

Do we need a bank in Central Point? One lady carrying considerably over one hundred dollars to Medford to bank lost the entire amount. This probably would not have happened if she could have banked at home. Another lady fearing to leave her money at home, (about eighty dollars), took it to a basketball game and in the excitement dropped her purse and never missed it until nearly home but on returning to the gym found it under the seats. One other party had his purse with \$25 stolen from his home. Many people are forced to make a trip to Medford or keep money in the house.

### Local Hatchery Doubles Capacity

The Central Point Hatchery has purchased and installed a second unit of Jamesway Mammoth Incubator which doubles their original capacity. This unit is designed especially for turkey eggs. They can now handle all your custom hatching of chicken and turkey eggs. Jamesway hatched chicks or poulters are hatched right.

### Miss Anderson to Leave School Job

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of Miss Alice Anderson, teacher of the grammar school. The school board accepted her resignation to take effect immediately. Miss Melba Putman of Ashland has accepted the position made vacant and will take charge Monday morning. Miss Anderson will take the position in the Jackson school left vacant when Miss Briggs resigned to go into business in Dunsmuir. Miss Anderson and mother Mrs. Payne will continue to make their home in the Hotel Valandra cottage during the school term. Miss Anderson states that she has sad moments when she think of leaving her class that they are all very loveable pupils. She will continue her scout work thought uncertain in just what line. Her scout troop here are doing fine and are looking forward to the arrival of new uniforms recently ordered.

### Edward Elliott Dies at Salem

Edward Gerald Elliott, native of Central Point, died of pneumonia in Salem last Saturday after a week's illness. He was 29 years old.

Mr. Elliott was born in Central Point on February 17, 1917. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. M. L. Elliott of Central Point, his father, Samuel Elliott of Paradise, Cal., a sister, Mrs. A. R. Parker of Central Point, and a brother, Jack Elliott, now serving with the United States army.

### Requests for Crop Loans Now Due

Applications for emergency crop and feed loans for 1937 are now being received at Medford by R. G. Fowler, County Agent for the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration. These loans will be made only to farmers who cannot obtain credit from any other source, as provided by regulations issued by the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration. The money loaned will be limited to the farmer's immediate and actual cash needs for growing his 1937 crops or for the purchase of feed for livestock and in no instance may exceed \$400.

### Report Shows Use Airmail Increasing

Final reports from the office of the Postmaster General for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, show that the air-mail services had the best year in their history, both from the standpoint of poundage transported and air-mail revenue. During the fiscal year of 1936, there were 15,377,993 pounds transported with postage revenue of \$9,702,676.46, as compared to 10,775,248 pounds transported during the fiscal year of 1935, with postal revenue of \$6,893,534.41.

In the report of the Postmaster General, attention is called to our present domestic air-mail system, which is so designated that it serves the entire United States, and that by means of train and star-route connections, every section is served.

Attention is also called to the fact that many patrons do not know that air-mail is transported over night from Coast to Coast in regular routine with a total of ten trips daily which operate regularly in the 24-hour period from various points on the Pacific Coast to points on the Atlantic Coast.

### So what?--

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Simmonds and little daughter slept in Dr. Heckman office recently.

Wonder what Louis Braga will say when he see his picture in this paper tomorrow.

We understand that Sam Valley changed baskets at end of the first half of the basketball game Saturday evening to make it easier for the Central Point boys to win.

You could watch two games of basketball at the tournament in Ashland today with just a line between the two floors that is you could watch two games if you smart enough.

Prof. Jewett going into a class today with a problem of "C.P. 38 to Myrtle Point 31"—that as far as he could get. Bedlam reigned.

White hen sneaked in the back door of this office and laid an egg in the waste paper basket.

Little Louise Martel who is visiting at the Hotel Valandra can speak both French and English. At the time of her last visit here Mrs. McMaskey ask her great aunt Mrs. Chmell if she could speak English. Louise replied "Certainly" at that time she was 3 years old.

### POINTERS WIN 1ST GAME OVER LAST YEAR'S CHAMPS

Central Point won their first basketball tournament game this morning with a 38-31 score against the defending champion Myrtle Creek team at the district 14 tournament now being played at the Southern Oregon Normal School in Ashland.

High point men for the local were Bill Grimes and Lorne Webster with 11 points each.

Central Point will play Chiloquin, who won their game this morning from Bly by a large score, at 8 o'clock tonight.

### Scouts to Stage Party for St. Pat.

The scouts are giving a Salmagundi party on March 26. Every one invited. There will be good eats and lots of fun. Keep this date open. This is a St. Patrick's day party. Watch for more about it next week.

### The Churches

**THE FEDERATED CHURCH**  
Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor, Phone 51  
Mr. Kamborg, 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, Flaherman's club supper.  
8:30 Seofield 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 and the Women's Missionary society will hold a joint meeting in the basement of the Church on Thursday afternoon March 18th at 2:00 p.m. Officers for both societies will be elected at this meeting in order to have this work taken care of before the Annual Meeting of the Church which will be held on March 30th, and all ladies connected with either society are asked to make it a point to be present. It is nearly time to send out the missionary money from both groups and in order that it may be included in the annual reports, the ladies are asked, as nearly as possible to have this money in the hands of the treasurers at this meeting. There will also be a discussion of various important plans for the coming year, and your opinion is desired.

The Annual Meeting of the Church will be held on Tuesday evening, March 30th, beginning with a covered dish supper in the basement at 6:30. All members and friends of the Church are invited to be present.

Pre-Easter meetings, under the leadership of Mr. James Johnston of Faith Home, Ceres, Calif., will begin Sunday morning, March 14th. Mr. Johnston will be accompanied by his daughter Miss Mary Johnston, who will do special work with the children and young people. We are looking forward to a season of wonderful spiritual blessing and revival and everyone is invited and urged to join with us in these meetings.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Clifton A. Phillips, Minister  
Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hoyer, supt. Aim. 290 by Easter. Communion and Preaching, 11:30 A.M. Subject "Christ The Good Shepherd." J. Ed Vincent will sing for this service.  
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P.M. Evangelistic Service 7:30 P.M. Subject "Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of The Passion Week." Let us follow these studies until Easter. "Did Christ die on Friday?" Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Devotional leader, Norman Hansen, Carol Hoyer will review the Book of Matthew.  
Church Night, Tuesday 6:45 P.M. Let every member be present.