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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Beats all how much enjoyment some of us Republicans get out of listening to a really smart Democrat. As for instance, in spite of the fact that we could count a goodly number of the brethren at the Rotary luncheon the other day where a welcome was given to Mayor Carson and Editor Frank Irvine of Portland, we noticed that in spite of political differences, they all seemed to enjoy the talks. And especially that of that "grand old man", Mr. Irvine, who while not a native son of Jackson county, spent his boyhood here and who has always retained a warm feeling for this part of the state.

Together with a large number of men of his generation who used to live among us, B. F. Irvine has made a name for himself and reached a pinnacle of success which is an honor to his old home. For 39 years he served well his state on the old board of regents of Oregon Agricultural College and later on the board of Higher Education. This service was given gratis and for the joy of giving. Now as the years have bowed that once stalwart frame, they have but added sweetness to his disposition and wisdom untold. May he continue to serve and love till the "Master of all good workmen" shall call him to higher fields.

Mayor Carson sure did bring out the ignorance or worse which seems to abound in the "fetete East" regarding our poor old state. And as an "Apostle of good will" Mr. Carson is just the kind of man Oregon needs. Just let someone cast a slur on his town or port or even his state, and his neck begins to swell and his face "flame like a fire in a furniture factory", as Mr. Dooley once said, and then look out for the fireworks. Keep it up, Joe, we're with you.

Got quite a kick out of Professor Reimer's talk to the tomato growers Tuesday afternoon. Although we have been passing by like the Good Samaritan for these many years, we have never taken the time to really look into the work up at the experiment station. Not being at present a farmer we overlooked a lot of valuable things up there, where they have been patiently pegging away at their task of solving the many problems confronting our local agriculturists.

Think of the patience it takes to plant a field of tomatoes, watch the plants daily and give them the best of cultivation and care, and then throw the great majority of them away in the fall, saving only the best for seed. Then do it all again next year. But it is just that kind of thing which has added so much to the store of human knowledge. Keeping up such things as experiment stations, research work and the like is one thing for which public money is spent with which this writer has no fault to find.

Seems kinda lonesome not to see great activity going on daily about the old implement house across the street from our sanctum. And when we wandered into the present Alexander store we almost got lost in the labyrinth of counters, tables, racks, etc. But Fred says they had all that stuff down at the old place, Mebbe so, but if they did they must have had a hidden cellar or something to put it in.

Got a letter from an up-state trade journal we had no idea even dreamed our little paper was in existence, asking about an article which recently appeared in these columns. How our sphere of activity does grow!

Now if Washington would only take cognizance of us and pay more attention to our fatherly advice, all would be just dandy. But we fear if they ever do take a good look at us, we'll be out of luck, for we carry the wrong banner.

We never had a great lot of use for the American Federation of Labor, especially since the death of Sam Gompers, but we heartily commend Mr. Green for his stand on the "sit-down" strike matter. How any person with a particle of horse sense or desire to see fair play in their system can endorse such a thing is beyond our comprehension.

It is said by those in authority at Washington that the federal government has no power to act in such cases. Why not? Has not the United States government the right and power to force (if necessary) the compliance with the plain provisions of that much maligned document, the Constitution? If so, how about the Fifth Amendment, which says, in part: "Nor be deprived of life, liberty or PROPERTY, without due process of law." Was it by any "due process of law" that the personal property of the Chrysler company, to mention only one, was seized? Looks like a plain case of political jugglery to a man up a tree. Playing to the galleries, so to speak.

The regular P.T.A. meeting will be held on Friday, April 2nd at 3:00 Judge Day will be the speaker for the afternoon and the sixth grade will give a program. The honor guest will be a Surprise guest so everyone come.

## NEW CIVIC CLUB ORGANIZED; START WORK ON PROJECTS

Reorganization of the Central Point Civic club, composed of ladies of the community, was perfected at a meeting held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. E. Fox. About fifteen ladies were present.

The following officers were elected for the next year: Mrs. O. M. Minnick, president; Mrs. Bert Hedgpeth, vice president; Mrs. Josh Geer, secretary and Mrs. Gantenbein, treasurer.

A large number of the ladies volunteered to attend the next meeting of the city council for the purpose of asking that the library support, which was recently withdrawn, be restored, as it was felt that this is really a city project and the burden of its maintenance should rest on all taxpayers and not on the few who would normally contribute to a private subscription.

A committee was appointed to arrange for a circular letter to be distributed to each child in school, asking for cooperation in the matter of keeping parking strips and vacant lots clear of weeds during the coming summer.

Another committee was appointed to ascertain the cost of constructing street signs about the city. At present our streets are not marked and this causes much confusion among newcomers.

It was voted to hold regular monthly meetings at the library on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month. Central Point has long felt the need of such an organization as this. The old Civic club was abandoned several years ago but did much good work while active.

The American has been asked to announce that all ladies of the Central Point district, whether residing within the actual city limits or not, are eligible to join the new club. Now let's all get together and BOOST!

## Crowd Treated to Many Thrills at Wrestling Bout

The crowds that attended the wrestling matches at the armory last Monday were treated to a very thrilling exhibition of hitting, gouging and slugging between Danny Savich and Joe Smolinski, in the middle event. In fact for a while it looked as though the crowds intended to take a hand in chastising the meanie Smolinski. In the first round Smolinski took a fall with a punishing hammerlock. But Danny took the next with a beautiful sonenberg, springing through the ropes to knock Smolinski in the stomach, following with a body press.

The climax came in the third round, when both boys were sonenberged out of the ring and were so groggy they didn't know where they were. While the crowd called frantically for Danny to get back in Ringo May Frisbie counted to twenty, then started the count over. He got as far as ten before Savich came in enough to clamber through the ropes. Smolinski followed a few minutes later, and as Danny was leaving he offered to shake hands. As Danny put out his hand the meanie slugged him, knocking him off the ring. Then Danny lost his temper and started for Smolinski. There was quite a battle until Smolinski kicked Savich in the stomach, then ran to the dressing room. Danny followed, only to have Smolinski break a chair over his head as he charged through the door. Police and boxing commissioners stopped the rough-house.

The main event seemed tame after such excitement. In fact this reporter feels that the Black Dragon spends far too much time outside the ropes, making faces at the audience and shaking his fist at the referee. That may be smart tactics, but after a while it becomes tiresome for the spectators. The match last Monday between the Dragon and Pete Baltaran was typical. Baltaran, a good clean wrestler, made a good showing until the Dragon pinned the Boston Crab on him, about fifteen minutes after the bell rang. As usual, Baltaran was unable to come back.

In the opener between Bill Hall and Charley Carr, Hall took the first fall in the first round with a walking headlock. In the next round Carr broke out of that hold and pinned Hall with a body press. In the fourth round Carr won the match when he rebounded off the ropes with Hall holding him with a leg scissors, and fell on him, pinning the rubber-legged one to the mat.

Two young brothers from Canada put on a four-minute boxing exhibit that was very entertaining. The youngsters are barnstorming through the country, making their expenses for mfree will coins tossed to the ring after their match ends.

Mr. Fletcher Spencer and Gertie Spencer who were struck by a car Saturday evening in Medford were former residents here living out near the park. They have been living in Medford for the past six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jones attended the funeral service for Mr. Helmroth in Medford Tuesday afternoon. Later they visited friends in Ashland.

## Portland Mayor Urges Unity to "Sell" Our State

At the regular noon luncheon of the Medford Rotary club at the Medford Hotel Tuesday noon a large number of visitors from the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce were present to hear Mayor Carson of Portland, who delivered a 15-minute address which was well received. About 200 were seated at the long tables in the basement dining room.

Special invited guests included the mayors of all cities of the county as well as Grants Pass. Among those who accepted the invitation were: Mayor George Porter of Medford, Mayor Hartman of Jacksonville, Mayor Wiley of Ashland and Mayor Glover of Grants Pass.

Walter Leverette acted as chairman of the meeting and introduced the visiting mayors and other guests who responded with hearty greetings to the distinguished visitor and pledged cooperation of their communities in the work of "selling Oregon" to the world.

Of especial interest was the presence of Mr. B. F. Irvine, blind editor of the Oregon Journal, blind editor of the Oregon Journal, who spoke for 15 minutes. He told feelingly of his boyhood days in this county, where he first attended school in old Logtown, now a "ghost city" a few miles west of Jacksonville. He remarked that he used to live on "Jackass Creek", but after they had taken out about twelve million dollars in gold from this creek its name was changed to Forest Creek.

Mr. Irvine spoke strongly of the contrast between our own peaceful valley, with the hills just awakening with the glory of spring, and the desolation and destruction in Spain at this time, where, he said, "Fascism is battling to destroy democracy." In a strong finish, Mr. Irvine urged his hearers to stand

firmly for peace and to combat the encroachment of Fascism and Communism within our beloved America. Mr. Irvine's address was received with enthusiastic applause which lasted more than five minutes.

Chairman Leverette called upon County Judge Day to introduce the Portland mayor. Judge Day spoke briefly of the need of better cooperation between the metropolitan center and Southern Oregon and stated that our county stood ready at all times to do its part. He then introduced Mayor Joseph K. Carson, Jr. of Portland.

Mayor Carson gave a short, snappy talk in which he told of his recent experiences in the East, where Oregon seems to be almost forgotten. He said that even prominent government officials in Washington seemed to have the idea that Oregon was merely a part of California. He cited the case of the Assistant Secretary of Labor who last winter was endeavoring to settle the Pacific coast maritime strike, and who thought that so insignificant a port as Portland was hardly worth bothering with. Mr. Carson said he finally convinced the gentleman that the Port of Portland shipped annually a greater ocean tonnage than did the Port of Seattle.

The speaker pledged the cooperation of his city in the development of a greater airport for Southern Oregon and urged that all parts of the state get closer together that we may all "go to town" as the saying is. He called attention to the fact that cities do not build themselves, but must depend for their prosperity upon the surrounding territory.

"Only as Oregon prospers can Portland prosper, and the same is true of every city within its borders," Mr. Carson said.

## Annual Meeting Federated Church Held Tuesday Eve.

The annual meeting of the Federated churches was held in the basement of the church last night with a large crowd in attendance. The meeting was started with a covered dish supper which was enjoyed by all. After the supper Mr. Case opened the business meeting. Reports were given by each department of the church, each department showing a decided gain. As we are a Missionary Church each outlying Sunday school answered roll call with reports. The largest delegation being from Wimer about 25. The high light of the meeting was the report of Bro. Johnston of his work in Ireland where he found the people hungry for the gospel and very responsive to the preached word.

The Lord wonderfully blessed his ministry and as He belongs here with us we are blessed by our fellowship with him and the small part we have in his work.

Community singing was enjoyed lead by Rev. D. D. Randall, the assistant pastor. We were favored with a special number by the Wimer people. Everyone departed for home satisfied that "it pays to serve Jesus."

## Annual Easter Picnic Is Enjoyed

Sunday being the most perfect Easter for many years, several families motored to their favorite spot on Rogue River for their twenty-second Easter picnic. After a bountiful lunch some pitched horseshoes, some gathered wild flowers and the small boys enjoyed an egg hunt.

Those enjoying the day were: Mr. Jeff Slagle and son Henry of Talent. Mr. Bill Gardner of Willow Springs, Mrs. L. M. Bodin of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gleason, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gleason, and sons Mervyn and Jimmie, Bobbie Hoagland and Kenneth Beebe all of Central Point.

## Pioneer Church Is Saved from Wreckers

The city of Jacksonville recently purchased the old Methodist church building in that city in order that it may be preserved as a relic of olden time. The old structure is claimed to be one of the oldest Protestant churches on the Coast and is said to have been built by contributions made by the gamblers of the old mining town.

The old church building was to be torn down, but the city protested and the present owners agreed to sell the building to the city as a museum piece for \$150.00.

## Mr & Mrs Newcomer

The offer we made you last week still is good, and remember our regular rate is \$1.50 a year. During the month of April we will accept 50c for six months subscription. This offer is only an introductory offer and will not be given to anyone now getting the paper.

You wish to get acquainted with local conditions—keep in touch with social, school and church affairs—also various news items in regard to work, trade and business deals? The best and most likely satisfactory way to do this is to read your local newspaper.

## Church of Christ Revival Starting Tonight at Church

James Matthew Alley, Evangelist of the Churches of Christ will start a Revival Meeting in Central Point April 1st. Services every night except Monday at 7:45 P.M. A rousing, ringing song service. Special music, a real Bible Sermon, every night. Come out to hear this man.

## City May Have Planning Mill On S. P. Land

Mr. E. E. Fargus who has lived several years two miles west of Central Point on Beall Lane, plans to open up a planning mill, using the S. P. depot for a warehouse. He has his permit from the Southern Pacific company, and negotiations for a permit from the city council are now in progress.

Mr. Fargus expects to employ about twenty men. Business men and others interested in the progress of Central Point should show their interest by attending the council meeting next Monday evening. These meetings are open to the public.

There seems to be a divided opinion on the desirability of a mill in the city limit. Now is the time to let your wishes be known.

## New Meat Plant To Start Soon

Mr. B. M. Thumler, who is building a meat packing plant near the Irsel Lewis slaughter house, reports that he will soon be ready to start operations. Watch for announcement in this paper at a later date.

## So what?--

When you get into a tight place, and everything goes against you, till it seems as if you couldn't hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that's just the place and time that the tide'll turn.—Stowe.

Mr. Clem Finley warning a certain lady to be careful that every time her back was turned the reporter was writing down what she said, that he never talked when the reporter was present.

Mrs. Rose Hermanson and daughter Jerry each eating a frozen loll-pop as they strolled down West Main in Medford.

Mr. Alexander moving a bin full of nails Wednesday that would make a young man grant. You just can't stop him.

Situation Wanted—As a good neck washer, Max Knadler, for reference see Lewis Braga.

Mr. Alexander remarked that it wasn't April Fools Day or any other April day—only a continuation of March 31. If you don't believe it look at the weather.

## 5 YEARS AGO

Pauline MaeBee won first place in 1st year typing contest held at Phoenix. Avis Ayres won 2nd place and Edna Shaver 3rd place.

In 2nd year contest Mary Jane Beebe won 1st, Mary Hight 2nd and Vivian Jones 3rd.

Harold Head returned Sunday to Eugene after a ten day visit with his parents. He will resume his studies at the university.

Marie Seegmiller of Sams Valley was a guest of Dorothy Straus over the week end.

Laurine Huggaker and Grace Hermanson attend the rally at the Christian church in Medford Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Tracy Dawson who enlisted in the Army at Salt Lake City finished his enlistment, accompanied by his mother and two brothers visited his sister Mrs. Sharp at the telephone exchange Sunday.

Miss Gladys Vincent is confined to her home with a bad case of tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Denning of Seattle visited Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Lofland last Friday. Mrs. J. M. Lofland and daughter of Medford returned to Seattle with them.

Mrs. William Sharp and grandson Jerome Sharp have opened a very clean and attractive looking eating place at 16 N. Riverside. They feature home cooking and pastry.

## INCREASED PRICE FOR TOMATOES IS OFFERED FOR 1937

About 50 tomato growers and others interested in tomato culture met at the courthouse in Medford Tuesday afternoon to discuss problems connected with the industry. The meeting was called by R. G. Fowler of the OSC Extension department, and the principal speaker was Professor F. E. Reimer of the Southern Oregon Experiment Station at Talent, who gave a very interesting history of the work of the station for the past number of years in its endeavor to secure a blight-resistant variety for this valley.

Prof. Reimer explained the difficulty our growers had always had with growing tomatoes from seed raised in the East on account of Tip Blight and other diseases and told of the work of the station in selection of seed each year from apparently blight-resisting plants until now the station has secured a seed which is much more free from this disease than any other on the market. Professor Reimer also told of the effect of "Tobacco Mosaic," a disease which causes a mottled appearance of the foliage of tomato plants and which materially reduces the yield of ripe fruit.

Tobacco mosaic is primarily a disease which affects tobacco plants. Botanically, the tomato belongs to the same family as tobacco and diseases which affect one will also affect the other. This disease is very easily spread and growers were urged to take the utmost caution to prevent its spread. No person who uses tobacco in any form should be allowed to handle tomato plants. The terms of this disease are carried on the hands or in the mouth and are easily transferred to the young plant.

Prof. Reimer also told of the increased yield gained at this station through the careful selection each year of the most vigorous plants for seed. He stated that when they first started this work, the best plant in their field bore 33 pounds of ripe fruit, while the best plant last year last year (from which, by the way, the seed for this year's planting was saved) bore 70 pounds of marketable fruit.

A report was made by Ralph Koozer, manager of the Bagley Canning Co., which has contracts for a large acreage of tomatoes this year, who stated that the price this year would be slightly higher than that paid last year, to compensate for the higher cost of labor and other elements which enter into the cost of production. The price for this year as set will be \$13.50 per ton for No. 1's; \$7.50 for No. 2's, government rating. Last year the cannery paid \$13 and \$7.

Mr. Koozer stated that the Rogue River Valley tomatoes as a rule grade very high. Last year the average was 70% No. 1, 25% No. 2 and 5% culls.

## Eugene Humphrey Loses End of Thumb

Eugene Humphrey had the misfortune, while splitting kindling wood, to cut off the end of his thumb. He was taken to the doctor in Medford and on to the hospital. Dr. Roney decided it would be best to give him an anesthetic but Eugene refused to take it so they use a local instead. The cut took his nail and part way to first joint. The doctor made a clean cut to the first joint. Eugene is back at school today and we all admire his grit.

## 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 Doctrines class.

Thursday—7:30, Personal Evangelism. 8:30, Sunday School Methods. Everyone is welcome to these classes.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Clifton A. Phillips, Minister  
Revival begins Thursday April 1. Every Night Except Monday at 7:45 P. M.

Spirit Filled Gospel Singing and Powerful Gospel Preaching at every service. Don't fail to come.  
Bible School 8:00 A. M. Roland Hoover, Supt.  
Communion and Preaching 11:00 A. M.

Christian Endeavor 6:45 P. M.  
Evangelistic Service 7:45 P. M.  
Hear Alley at Every Service.  
Come! Work! Pray!