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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Again it is time to sit and ponder over what to write for this column. We'd rather just sit, but guess we'll have to get on the job.

This has been a quiet week for us—at least so far as mingling with folks is concerned—for we have started work on some improvements at home we have been planning for a long time. Again the neighbors are disturbed at all hours with the sound of hammer and saw. But it's lots of fun to get back to the old trade again. So far we have been fortunate enough to do our hammering on iron nails and not thumb nails.

Who said this country had gone dry? Seems to us it's wetter than it was during Prohibition.

But although we aren't in need of more wetness at this time no one wants to get it into their heads the campaign to secure a better and more abundant water system for this city has died. To judge by the many comments we hear and the words of commendation we have received for the small part we have taken in this fight, the battle has just begun.

We were pleased the other day to have the same councilman who had seemed to question our good faith in presenting the probable cost of installing Medford water here, publicly say that while he might not altogether agree with us he would admit that he thought we were honest in our convictions and doing what we believed to be best for the city. Thanks, Bro. for them kind words.

We admit it makes a feller feel kinda good to have our opponents confess they believe that although they think we are mistaken, still they think we're honest about it. No man can have a better recommendation of character.

Every dollar this writer has on earth is invested in Central Point; our daily bread depends largely upon the goodwill of its people; our whole life is inseparably connected with this town, and why should we not be interested and concerned for its welfare? Of course our judgment may be faulty. If we had been gifted with perfect judgment no doubt we would by now be installed in the seats of the mighty, instead of running a country newspaper.

We got quite a "kick" out of a conversation with a certain gentleman the other day. He said "No man could have lived the life you have; have had the contacts that have come to you and have lived in so many places and under such conditions as you have done, for half a century, without gathering some store of knowledge of the world, the flesh and the devil."

Mebbe so, for we have seen a lot in our brief span of years. And life for us has been so full of a number of things; so full of interest and joy, sorrow and pain, we find ourselves wondering if the time will ever come when we shall be ready to quit learning. Not yet, thank God. Life is too full of interesting things to even think of stopping.

We often think of what our old friend "Mr. Dooley" once said, on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee: "Glory be, when I look back fr'm this day of gin'ral rejoicin' in me rhinestone jubilee an' see what changes has taken place an' how many people have died an' how much better off th' wuruld is. I'm proud iv meself. War an' pestilence an' famine have occurred in me time, but I count thim light compared with th' binifits that have fallen to th' race since I come on th' earth."

"What ar're ye talkin' about?" cried Mr. Hennessy in deep disgust. "All this time ye've been standin' behind this bar laddin' out disturbance to th' Sixth Wa-rd, an' ye haven't been as far east as Mitchigan Avnoo in twenty years. What have ye had to do with all these look back fr'm this day of gin'ral rejoicin'?"

"Well," said Mr. Dooley, "I had as much to do with thim as the Queen did."

## THANKSGIVING IS PROCLAIMED BY PRESIDENT

Washington, Nov. 9.—President Roosevelt called upon the country today to give thanks on November 25 for "abundant harvests and the blessings of stable employment" to many people.

In a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, he called attention also to strife and war threats in many parts of the world while the United States enjoys peace and cherishes "no selfish designs against other nations."

The text of the president's Thanksgiving Day proclamation:

"I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the United States of America, hereby designate Thursday, the 25th day of November, 1937, as a day of national thanksgiving.

"The custom of observing a day of public thanksgiving began in colonial times and has been given the sanction of national observance through many years. It is in keeping with all of our traditions that we, even as our fathers in olden days, give humble and hearty thanks for the bounty and goodness of divine providence.

"The harvests of our fields have been abundant and many men and women have been given the blessing of stable employment.

"A period unhappily marked in many parts of the world by strife and threats of war finds our people enjoying the blessing of peace. We have no selfish designs against other nations.

"We have been fortunate in devoting our energies and our resources to constructive purposes and useful works. We have sought to fulfill our obligation to use our national heritage by common effort for the common good.

"Let us, therefore, on the day appointed, forego our usual occupations and, in our accustomed places of worship, each in his own way, humbly acknowledge the mercy of God from whom comes every good and perfect gift."

### Albert Lair, 81, Dies Near Agate

Albert Lair, 81, a resident of Jackson county for the past 20 yrs., died in his home near Agate last Thursday morning after a lingering illness.

Funeral services were held from the Perl funeral home Saturday at 2 p. m., the Rev. R. C. Lewis of Central Point officiated. Interment was in the Central Point cemetery.

Albert Lair was born in Missouri February 7, 1856. He leaves his wife, Della Lair and one son, Charles Lair of Seattle. Also two daughters who reside in Washington. He was well known in the county and considered a fine old gentleman. Many friends will mourn his passing.

### Shower Given in Honor Mrs. McFadden

Friends of Mrs. Ardis McFadden nee Ardis Casad honored her with a shower at the home of Mrs. Moore on Cherry creek.

She received many lovely gifts. After an evening of visiting the gifts were opened, then dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mr and Mrs. McFadden live on Griffin creek.

been just to have lived and moved and had our being in what has probably been the greatest half century the world has seen since the Flood.

And shall we now end it all in one great smash? Shall war once more cover the world with its hellish cloud and all that mankind has learned and gained through the centuries be lost forever? It is our sincere hope that such a catastrophe may be averted. For as we grow older we sympathize more and more with the feller who said: "I'm the Man Behind the Gun—four thousand miles behind, and willin' to be farther."

Finally, bretheren, we want to lay our wreath on the tomb of those comrades of ours who made the supreme sacrifice "over there" in that "war to end wars" the close of which we honor today. May American manhood never again be called upon to join in foreign entanglements. Rest, soldier, rest—we've caught the torch!

## Information Given Regarding Census of Unemployed

At the direction of the Congress, the President has approved a plan for a census of all unemployed and party unemployed workers. All persons at work on emergency work projects of the Government are also included in this census.

The number of the unemployed will be determined from information secured by a voluntary individual registration. A card to be filled in and returned to the post office will be delivered to every dwelling on November 16, 1937. These cards will then be forwarded by the post office to the National Unemployment Census. Completed cards must be mailed before midnight, November 20, 1937. No postage stamps are needed.

The census will be taken under the direction of John D. Biggers, Administrator. In order to secure a maximum of efficiency at a minimum cost, the existing facilities of the Federal Government will be utilized wherever possible. The Post Office Department will distribute the cards, and furnish helpful information to registrants. Tabulations determined by the National Unemployment Census Administrator will be made by the Bureau of the Census of the Department of Commerce. A committee of experts appointed by the Central Statistical Board, Washington, D. C., will advise the Administrator on the many technical problems which will arise in this census.

The card to be used in this census lists 14 questions about each individual who registers. Each question is fundamental for an understanding of the problem of unemployment. The President has said in his messages to every worker: "It is important to the unemployed and to everyone in this land that the census be complete, honest and accurate."

To a large extent the card is self-explanatory, and in most instances it will be filled in by the individual without assistance.

Cards will be distributed by postal employees to dwellings throughout the United States, the District

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### 60-pound Salmon Landed by Preacher

A 60-pound salmon—largest taken in the Chetco river this year—was the prize landed by Dr. Jouett B. Bray Monday as he and his son Paul enjoyed a two-day fishing trip along that stream.

The huge fish was four feet, two inches long and measured 16 inches from dorsal to ventral fin. It had a tail spread of 16 inches.

Dr. Bray landed the salmon only a few hours before a severe storm broke, raising the Chetco river four feet and making fishing impossible.

Dr. Bray is pastor of the South Methodist church in Medford.

### FLASH—LATEST NEWS

Last minute news reveals that Central Point's fighting high school football squad came out again on the large end of the score. In a game against old rivals—Jacksonville—the local squad won with a decisive victory—26 to 6. The game was played on the Van Scoyoc field in Medford this morning at 10 a. m.

Coach Ken Hulbert's football team can now claim the Jackson County Championship in the "B" division.

### New Officers Named For Local Grange

Central Point Grange held regular meeting November 5. A memorial service was held for Sister Edna Hoyer.

Officers elected for the coming year are: Master, Leonard Freeman; overseer, Arnold Bohnert; lecturer, Arden Tyrrell; steward, Elmer Olson; assistant steward, Delmar Smith; chaplain, Mrs. Hilda Hague; treasurer, C. F. Smith; secretary, Mrs. Hildegard Pierce; gate keeper, Paul Smith; Ceres, Frieda Young; Pomona, Mrs. Susie Maust; Flora, Mrs. Mae Richardson; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Faye Ritzinger; executive committee, J. E. Vincent Wm. Foley and Warren Patterson.

Plans were made for a dinner-dance to be given November 18.

### Mrs. Nancy Wilson is visiting her son Mr. Tom Wilson and family at Rogue River for a few weeks.

Any one interested in the Civic music organization may contact Mrs. Everett Faber, chairman, or Mrs. E. P. Stone or Mrs. Esther Palmer Day for further information or tickets.

Jim Lees will leave Monday for Portland to take the final examination for the navy.

## Evangelist Tells What Makes A Small Town Big

James Matthew Alley  
Did you ever think of it? In my rounds of your city the other morning, I stopped and shook hands with the coach and congratulated him on his fine football team. Then I passed the time of day with the shoe cobbler, commenting on a number of shoes he had to repair. He said "I thank God for work" My heart leaped with joy when I thought of this "gimme age" and a "gimme government" of a man left who could say thanks to The Almighty for work. Bought a pair of gloves from the Mayor. Jay-walked across the street to the Postoffice for my mail. Said "Hello" to a strange, strapping, young fellow and on down to call on the mother of a famous writer, then to see another family in trouble. A call or two more brought me to the newspaper office and there I spent a glorious hour with a man who was not too busy to visit. A grizzled veteran of over forty years in a print shop. Just an editor and a preacher visitin'—

But, you say, what does that have to do with: What Makes a Small Town Big? Everything. A Small town is small because of commercial and geographical reasons mostly. But a small town is big because of its people. If its people have that truth of God in their souls, "No man liveth unto himself and no man dieth alone." The petty things of life will go: stinginess, jealousy, bickerings and all other kinds of skull duggery and in its place there will be teamwork between the city dads and the city children for the good of all.

The preachers will not work for the good of their sect, but for the good of all men. The editor will try to sympathetically render a new and editorial service that will be helpful to all. The merchants will work together to serve the Community with real values in merchandise. The school teachers will not teach for so much a month but for the making of great citizens. The town will try and better itself for its own good and for the pride that comes when the world looks at it and its accomplishments for the good of all, rubs its eyes at the miracle wrought and concludes that intangible things that money cannot buy are really what makes a small town big.

## Revival Growing In Interest Daily

Evangelist, James Matthew Alley is opening his second week of Revival Services in Church of Christ and we expect a Great Week. Every subject is entirely different from the April Campaign. His message on Tuesday on "The Times" was a most powerful and convincing discourse on where we are and what we may expect in the immediate future. Mr. Alley is a man of a wide experience in many practical fields as well as a man from the schools. He is devout Christian and a most convincing opponent of modernism. He is kind to those who disagree with him but uncompromising in all the vital Biblical subjects. We invite you, regardless of your position, to attend. We covet the prayers of all believers; we invite all unbelievers and desire the cooperation of every one.

## So what?—

Strength of character lies not in demanding special circumstances, but in mastering and using any that may be given.—Canon Scott Holland

Heard and seen at the football game last Friday when we played Glendale—Morris Dow's nose not contracted at a football game.

Many school girls selling tickets to the P.T.A. dinner for Armistice day.

Roy Jones standing on one foot and exclaiming "My Golly", when one of our boys almost made a score.

Mrs. Louise Grimes following the boys from one end of the field to the other in spite of the rain.

One of the Glendale boys grabbing Alan Jewett's jersey and stretching it half way across the field.

Ted Hill carried back to the time when he was in the midst of football games.

## The Right System

Gold Hill Grange has it. A home carnival at home. When you have a carnival. Keep the money at home. That's the system. Good luck and good attendance. Farmers and Fruitgrowers Bank. Member F. D. I. C. P. S. Good schools and good water make towns grow.

## ANNUAL ROLL CALL FOR RED CROSS STARTING TODAY

The annual Red Cross roll call for 1937-38 starts today and lasts until November 24, according to an announcement by George T. Frey, general chairman of the annual membership drive.

The quota for this year's campaign has been set at 2450 members an increase of 250 over last year. Through the Community Chest, 1600 members were obtained in and near Medford, leaving 850 yet to be obtained from outlying districts.

The Red Cross poster enclosed with this paper, with its appeal for members, is the work of Walter W. Seaton, noted New York and California artist. Seaton's portraits of radio and movie stars, his murals and posters have won him fame throughout the nation. The current poster is the second he has painted for the Red Cross, thus joining a long list of distinguished artists who since the World War years have illustrated the spirit of the Red Cross in the call for memberships. Red Cross roll call begins Armistice Day and ends Thanksgiving Day.

## Turkey Dinner And Dance Is Planned By Local Grange

The Grange is planning another of their justly famous dinners, a real "turkey feed," followed by dancing, at their hall on the evening of Thursday, November 18.

According to a statement made this week by Ed Vincent, past master, the price for the dinner and dance has been raised a small amount above that of last year on account of the present high prices of nearly everything.

These Grange dinners are always popular affairs and attract many from other communities. The committee in charge are hard at work and promise that this affair will be up to the usual standard.

Keep the date in mind and plan to attend and enjoy the evening.

## Carnation Club Honors Birthday

The Carnation Club met last Thursday at the home of Lois Richardson for a covered dish luncheon. Those present were Medames Bessie Furnas, Mabel Mead, Alta Kelly, Donna Brenner, Betty Potter, Marie Putney of Medford, Smith and the hostess Lois Richardson.

Mrs. Putney was honor guest, the gathering being in honor of her birthday. She received many lovely gifts and all report a lovely time.

## The Churches

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Pastor  
James Matthew Alley, Evangelist  
Bible School 10:00 a. m. Roland Hoyer, Supt. Our aim is 120 in time for the count. Help us again reach our goal.  
Communion and Preaching 11:00 a. m.  
Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m. Please remember that we have work for three groups—Young people, and children of all ages are invited to join in with these groups.

Evangelistic Services 7:30 p. m. Evangelist Alley will present another of those powerful Evangelistic Messages. Come early to get a seat on Sunday evening.

Our Evangelistic Services are on for every night next week except Monday. This is the second week of the Revival and a deep spiritual undertone is felt in every service. Come and enjoy the glorious singing and don't miss these timely and interesting messages. We especially invite you to attend.

Come! Work! Pray!

### THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor.  
Phone 51  
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Bible School, 9:30.  
Preaching, 11:00.  
Two groups of Endeavors, 6:30.  
Evening services, 7:30.  
Wednesday prayer meeting, 7:30.  
Thursday, Nov. 15, a joint meeting of Ladies Aid, Missionary Meeting and Berean Class party will be held at the home of Mrs. E. C. Faber.

## The Quality of Mercy...



Drawn for the American Red Cross by Lawrence Wilbur