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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Just when we get settled down to write somebody says, "Are you going to the game tonight?" and away goes all the good things we had thought of to write about. But if you folks missed that game with Eagle Point last night you sure missed something. And if we don't remember what it was we were going to write about, it can keep or go hang, for we do get a lot of fun watching those lads and fun isn't any too plentiful these days.

Any way, maybe we can find something in our store of more or less useful memories to fill this danged old column. Guess we'll give you that tale of Shigley's owl we told you of some time ago. Adam Shigley, you will remember, was an old Indian trader for the Hudson's Bay Company in the old days. As he grew tired of that kind of life, he settled down in our home town of Mankato. There he hunted a bit and raised bees. One of his regular occupations was to hunt bee trees in the big woods.

One morning as he was preparing to start on such an expedition, he was accosted by a friend who had taken up a claim a few miles out of town, built a new cabin and was preparing to move into same. He wanted Shigley to plan his trip so as to meet him at the new cabin about sundown to help unload a big stove. Shigley agreed to do so and departed on his trip. He carried only a light lunch and a light shotgun.

Just before sundown the old man arrived at the cabin, where he sat down on the doorstep to rest and wait for the owner. He waited until nearly dark, but no sign of the man and his load of household goods appeared. He had eaten his lunch long before and was getting hungry. So he decided to wander down by the creek to see if he could find a cottontail for his supper. After going some distance and not finding anything he returned to the cabin in no pleasant frame of mind at having been led into such a predicament. As he neared the cabin he caught a glimpse of a big horned owl seated in the upper branches of a tree. Taking careful aim in the gathering darkness, he brought the big bird to the ground.

Cutting off a "hind leg", as he always said, he went up to the new house, where he soon had a fire started from the dry chips about the door. Sorely skinning the huge leg, he placed it on a forked stick and seating himself on the doorstep again, watched with growing hunger as the meat sizzled and sputtered over the fire. Finally he could wait no longer, so he cut off a "chaw", salted it with a pinch of salt taken from the "possible sack" the pioneer always carried, and placed it in his mouth.

"Then I chawed and chawed, and the longer I chawed the bigger that danged meat got, till I couldn't chaw any more. So I took it out and laid it on the doorstep beside me and cut the blamed thing in two with my hunting knife. I put half of it back in my mouth and chawed some more. By-'n-by that got so big I had to cut it in two again. I kep' on chawin' and chawin' and cuttin' and cuttin' till I had a row of them danged pieces clear across the doorstep—but I never got a bit of the gold-darned thing down me." Do you wonder that our neighbors used to use "Shigley's owl" as the ultimate in tough meat?

The following was handed in yesterday with a "dare" to print it. It being against our principles to take a dare, here goes:

"I'm sending you this card to tell you that the New Deal has taken away. The things that I really needed—My workshop, my reindeer, my sleigh.

Now I'm making my rounds on a donkey. He's old and crippled and slow; So you'll know if I don't see you Christmas.

That I'm out on my ass in the snow. —SANTA CLAUS"

Believe it or not we received a paid up subscription from Medford to 1941 this morning—if in doubt come in and see the order.

## POINTERS TAKE LEAD IN CLOSE WITH EAGLE POINT

The Pointers will play Eagle Point the second game of the county "B" championship series tomorrow (Friday) night on the Eagle Point floor.

In one of the most thrilling games ever seen on the local floor, Coach Hulbert's crack Pointers defeated Eagle Point 25-20 last night.

Eagle Point five, playing a wonderful exhibition of team work, started out in front and kept piling up the points rapidly that at times had the Pointers badly baffled. The score as the half ended was 19-11 in favor of Eagle Point.

What kind of a talk Coach Hulbert gave to the Pointers between the halves must have been a hummer of a talk.

For in the second half playing some of the best defensive work ever seen here, the Pointers held them to exactly 1 point. And the offensive work of the Pointers began to speed up at a pace that had the Eagle Pointers fighting hard to check them. At the end of the third quarter the score stood at 20-17 in favor of Eagle Point.

It was the last quarter that was really the most thrilling period of the game. The Pointers, playing at a terrific fast pace, began to gather the points in rapidly to tie the score 20-20 after first 4 minutes of the period.

There the fast pace of the Pointers began to tell on the Eagle Point and the Eagle Point Five wilted, tho' fighting hard, to lose the game to the Pointer Five 25-20.

High point man for the Pointers was Webster who made eight points. Elmer Harnish, Throckmorton and Smith of Eagle Point Five were high men with 6 points apiece.

Friday night the Pointers will play Eagle Point five again at Eagle Point in the second game of the championship series.

The Pointer seconds overwhelmed Eagle Point seconds 39-9.

Lineups:  
Pointers (25) Eagle Point (20)  
Myers F E. Harnish, 6  
Webster, 8 F Throckmorton 6  
P. O'Connor, 6 C Smith 6  
B. O'Connor, 7 G Chamberlain 2  
Copping, 2 G Earl Harnish  
Subs.: Pointers—Scott (2); Eagle Point—Crandall; Referee, George Harrington of Medford.

## Father of Local Lady Dies in Calif.

PASADENA, Cal., Feb. 22.—Dr. George Ellery Hale's fascinating search for the secrets of the stars was ended today.

The world-renowned astronomer, ill for a year, died here yesterday in a sanitarium at the age of 69.

From a boyish amateur peering at the heavens through a home-made telescope on the roof of his Chicago home, Dr. Hale became the acknowledged "father" of three great observatories.

Yerkes observatory at Williams Bay, Wis., he equipped with a 40-inch telescope. At Mt. Wilson observatory above Pasadena, he installed a 100-inch telescope. One thing was denied him—completion of the 200-inch telescope at Palomar Mountain, Cal., before his death.

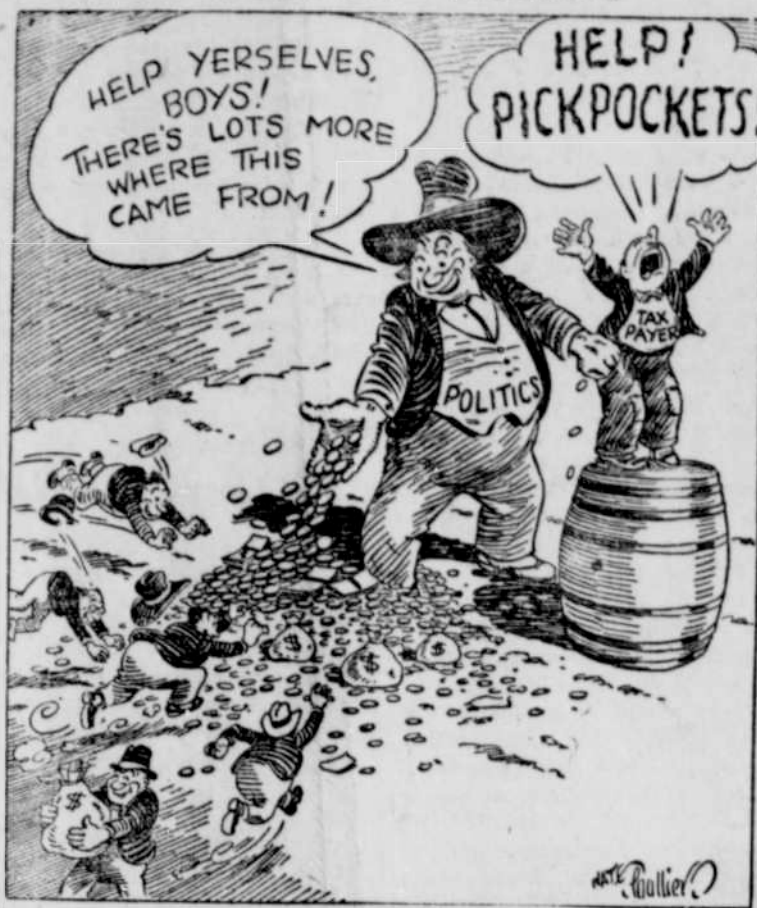
For discoveries in solar and stellar spectroscopy, Dr. Hale received scientific honors from many countries.

Dr. Hale was a father of Mrs. Paul Scherer and had many friends here who express their sympathy for Mrs. Scherer and family, and sorrow at his passing.

## Everyone Urged To Attend Dinner

Everyone should turn out for the Civic Club dinner at the grange hall tomorrow beginning at 11:30. The menu will be meat loaf, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, perfection salad, jelly, pickles, hot rolls, butter, ginger bread with whipped cream, coffee and cocoa. The proceeds will be used for paying for the new street signs which are almost ready to place.

## THE MODERN "LIBERAL"



## TABLE ROCK NEWS

Esther Moore

The High School was given a talk on safe driving Monday, February 14 by John Kerrick, speaker from the office of Secretary of State Earl Snell. The students enjoyed it very much and we hope some of our reckless drivers will take his advice.

The boy's basketball team played St. Mary's here Wednesday, Feb. 16. They lost this game but rose to victory again Friday evening when they played Talent. The Grade School boys also won their game over Talent.

Many of the high school board students are unable to go home because of the deep snow which has blocked the roads.

The Grade School has a new bus. It is a bright canary yellow trimmed in black. It is a G.M.C. and was purchased from Skinners Garage in Medford. Although it only holds 24 students the bus is so large that it cannot go into the old garage or the town garage, but they are cutting out the doors to the old garage so they can get the bus in it. Charlie Edmondson has purchased the old school bus.

The town library has been closed because of the flu.

Harlan Tungate, who has been spending the winter in Pacific Grove, is now attending night school in Monterey. He is taking up Civil Service postal Railway Clerk from San Francisco to New York.

Jean Page, who has been attending the San Francisco Junior College for the past two years will graduate this spring. During the year she was made Women's editor of the Guardsman, the Junior College paper, and was also added to the Forum Staff.

Nathan Stoddard is spending a few weeks in Butte Falls. He now has a general merchandise store in Idana, Oregon.

Miss Georgia Crofoot spent the week end at Monmouth, Oregon.

Mrs. Ralph Smith and baby from Klamath Falls are visiting her mother, Mrs. M. J. Brainard for a few weeks. Mary Roberts from Ashland, Oregon is also making an extended visit with them.

A stork shower was given Mrs. Emmett Gott, Thursday, February 17. She received many lovely gifts and a very enjoyable time was had by all who attended.

Several of the men, who are employees of the Medford Corporation, have received their state Unemployment Compensation checks.

The sod in the City Park has been spaded under and the Council is getting ready to plant grass and flowers.

There are still several cases of flu. Those taken ill during the past week are: Edward Abbott, Mrs. Charlie Edmondson, Mrs. Charlie White, Dorothy Baker, and Mrs. Guy M. Moore.

Iona Edmondson returned home from the hospital where she has been the past week recovering from pneumonia.

Mrs. Lauren Moore is in the hospital suffering from a heart ailment.

Some of the Medford visitors during the past week were: Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Lapsen, Clem Clarke, Emory Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Reverend Smith and family, Mrs. Everett Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright, and Guy Moore.

## Table Rock 4-H Knitting Club Is Formed for Year

The Table Rock 4-H knitting club organized December 8 at the home of their leader Mrs. Brennesholtz. Elections were held and officers are as follows, President, Ruth Sage; Vice President, Rebecca Hunsley and secretary, Roberta Hamlin. Committees appointed were as follows, community betterment: chairman, Mary Esther Davis, helpers, Dorothy Hunsley, Lucille Brennesholtz, and Roberta Hamlin. The 4-H sign committee are Loree Brennesholtz, Ida Belle Davis and Olive Davis. It is the duty of the latter to see that the 4-H signs are given to each member. These are posted preferably on the front gatepost, of each member's house.

Although many members are beginners, they are for the most part proceeding nicely with their projects. Miss Ruth Sage is knitting a outer sweater, and later intending to knit herself a suit. Miss Rebecca Hunsley is at present rapidly finishing a slip over weater, Miss Lucille Brennesholtz is progressing steadily on a outer sweater. Jean and Loree Brennesholtz are to knit suits, Roberta Hamlin, Dorothy and Doris Hunsley, Mary Esther, Olive and Ida Belle Davis are to knit sweaters.

The program this year will include speeches given by the members, three of these have already been given. They were "Care of the club girl's wardrobe" by Roberta Hamlin, "The proper methods of dishwashing" by Ida Belle Davis and "bedding" by Dorothy Hunsley. The knitting club is a new thing in the community and is more or less an experiment. A great deal of interest has been aroused so much, so that knitting is becoming the predominant handcraft among the women, as well as the girls.

## Womans Relief Corps Holds Initiation

The Women's Relief Corps met Saturday with a fine attendance. Mrs. Margaret Hubbard was initiated into the order. A patriotic program and games constituted the entertainment period, were directed by Mrs. Eva Smith and dainty refreshments served by Mrs. Iva Copping and committee. On Saturday March 5 the quarterly birthdays will be observed. A large number of members are eligible for the honors.

## Mrs. Josh Geer Is Feted on Birthday

A group of about thirty Medford friends gathered at the Geer home for a covered dish luncheon Sunday in honor of Mrs. Geer's birthday. It was a complete surprise. Then Mrs. Jack Milhoan gave her another surprise Sunday evening at the Milhoan home with a large group of friends present.

Mrs. Alice Lewis entertained with a handkerchief shower at her home in Medford Monday afternoon. On all these occasions honoring Mrs. Geer's birthday she received many lovely remembrances.

Weather improving every one happy so says the sage of Central Point.

## Regular Meeting of Civic Club Next Wed.

The regular monthly meeting of the Civic Club will be held in the library on Wednesday afternoon, March 2.

The ladies are at present working on the project of erecting street marking signs. These signs are now being made and will be very attractive when finished. It is planned to erect the signs along Front street (Pacific Highway), Pine street and Fourth street. While this does not by any mean cover the entire city, it will help. Later more signs can be erected as finances warrant.

The signs will be set about eight feet above the ground on iron posts, set in concrete. The city street department will set the posts when ready. It is hoped to have them in place while the ground is still soft.

## Surprise Shower For Mrs. Owens

Mrs. Effie Caster, assisted by Mrs. John Owens, and Mrs. C. F. Smith entertained at her home here with a surprise shower honoring Mrs. Roscoe S. Owens recently.

Guests included Mrs. M. F. Sheets, Mrs. Guy Bishop, Mrs. John Wright, Miss Ida Bishop and Miss Janet Bishop of Phoenix; Mrs. Roland Smith, Miss Jeanne Kent and Mrs. Mary Smith of Medford; Mrs. John Owens and Mrs. Hubert Smith of Eagle Point; Mrs. Annie Smith, Mrs. Clem Finley, Mrs. Flora Snavely, Mrs. Ida Lewis, Mrs. Nora Edsall, Mrs. Vic Vincent, Mrs. C. F. Smith, Mrs. John Higinbotham, Mrs. Agnes Head of Central Point; the guest of honor, Mrs. Roscoe Owens and the hostess, Mrs. Effie Caster.

Mrs. Owens was the recipient of many lovely gifts after which refreshments were served.

## Morton's to Have Poultry Department

The Morton Milling at 10 West Jackson St. have installed a fully equipped and modern Poultry and Egg Department. The new department will be under the management of Mr. C. N. Culy, who has had seven years experience in this business in Jackson county. Mr. Culy will be pleased to show anyone interested in the new department.

## So what? -

A right act strikes a chord that extends through the whole universe, touches all moral intelligence, visits every world, vibrates along its whole extent, and conveys its vibrations to the very bosom of GOD!—T. Binney.

The Pointers were behind in the game with Eagle Point Wednesday evening, but when Mrs. Grimes stood up and took off her coat (and it is reported that she also rolled up her sleeves), they went to town.

A basketball hit Mrs. Tracy on the head Tuesday evening and made her stagger.

Guess who on front page of last week's American.

Our local blacksmith has turned over a new leaf, it has always closed whenever the banks did, but this month it stayed open on Washington's birthday.

Rev. Phillips apologized to Rev. C. F. Atchley "he thought he was the janitor."

How those Redheads do burn up. But who wouldn't. Losing her bean wasn't enough, but falling down stairs and breaking a spike heel off her brand new pump.

Maybe it was the Pointers' new panties that made them fall down in the first half of the Wednesday night game.

Ask Bessie James why she slid out of the driver's seat in such a hurry when she saw a traffic officer.

## Be Careful

Hold-ups continue! Why not deposit money where it is fully protected from fire and theft.

Vaults protected by electricity. FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK MEDIC

## NEW STATION BEING BUILT ON HIGHWAY CORNER

Work started this week on the new service station on the corner of Pine street and the Pacific highway operated by Pendleton and Patterson and owned by the General Petroleum Corporation. Entirely new buildings will be erected and the old one torn down.

The new structure will include a lubrication room, station proper and store room, with new self-computing pumps. The lubrication room will be very complete, with hoist and equipment for power greasing of all makes of cars.

The new building stands near the rear of the large lot and faces the highway. A canopy extending from the office will cover the pumps and provide shelter for motorists. On the outside the ground will be open for larger trucks to obtain service. The old building will be torn away, allowing better vision toward the south at the intersection.

The driveway will extend entirely around the building, with air and water connections handy. Messrs. Pendleton and Patterson are to be congratulated upon the showing they have made which caused the General Company to go to the expense of constructing this modern station building.

## Celebrate Birthday of Mr. Karl Skyrman

The children and families of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Skyrman gathered at the parental home in Central Point Thursday evening, February 17, to assist in celebrating the birthday anniversary of Mr. Skyrman. In honor of the happy occasion, Miss Pauline Miller (a granddaughter) brought her accordion to furnish music during intervals of the merry making. Mr. Skyrman was the recipient of congratulations and many useful gifts. Refreshments including a birthday cake were served.

## The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Clifton A. Phillips, Pastor  
Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hoyer, Supt.

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Subject "The Layman's Sermon."

Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M. A class for all ages, Carl Hoyer, Supt. The Evangelistic service will be one of unusual interest. See "Write-up" of it elsewhere in this issue of American.

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Devotional Leader, Woodrow Phillips, Wm. Davis will lead the study period.

Don't miss the Sunday Evening Service!

THE FEDERATED CHURCH  
Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor.  
Phone 51  
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
Worship 11:00 A.M.

A.M.  
Junior and Senior League 6:30 P.M.  
Evening Services 7:30 P.M.  
Wednesday Evening Prayer 7:30 P.M.

Tuesday afternoon Bible Study 2:30 P.M.

CHURCH OF GOD  
Prayer meeting Friday evening 7:30 at McDowell's Shoe shop, Central Point.  
Everybody welcome. Come bring your Bibles. Subject "Oneness of God's People" by Rev. H. W. Burch.

MAIN ST. METHODIST CHURCH  
The Gray Brick Church  
Medford, Oregon  
Jouett P. Bray, Pastor  
Church School at 9:45 A.M. R. J. Bills, Supt. This is a good school.  
Preaching at 11:00 A.M.  
Young Peoples and Fellowship Club meets at 6:30 P.M.  
Preaching at 7:30 P.M.  
Bible Study Wednesday at 7:30 P.M.  
The church and pastor extends you a cordial invitation to attend.