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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Recently there came to our mind, as we sat "thinking busily of nothing," a vision of what we would like to see in our town. We had just taken a walk down the street and the spring sun had been almost too hot for comfort. And when we returned to the office we just sat and allowed our mind to drift. We held up the old town as before a mirror and noted its possibilities and shortcomings. And here is what we saw:

In the first place, we thought of what the streets of the city looked like. Almost no sidewalks; no paving except for one street; weeds starting to show already by the roadside; many buildings lacking paint. In contrast we remembered some of the many small towns we had seen in our travels where the streets were kept free from weeds, flowers blooming along the parking strip besides the sidewalks and shaded for blocks with giant trees. And how those towns did stand out in our memory as most desirable places to live.

Just to bring the idea nearer home, we want to ask all of our readers who have lived in the valley twenty-five years or more to look back at Medford in those days. When this writer first saw that city there were almost no trees; no paving; few sidewalks or flowers. We first lived on South Fir street in what is now the packing house district. Even before the paving was put in we felt the urge for more shade and so planted four maple trees just outside of what is now the sidewalk line. Long ago those trees had made such a growth that their spreading branches which almost covered the whole street, had become such a nuisance to the trucks loaded to the skies with fruit which every fall congregated in that district that the owner was asked to cut them down and they are now just a memory.

Then in 1912 we moved to the southwestern part of town on the very fringe of civilization. This part of town had once been covered with scrub oaks and chapparel, with an occasional black oak lifting its stately head above the rest. Rabbits, quails and China Pheasants used to play about our front yard. The house had a west frontage and to make the living room livable we planted honeysuckle over the west windows and a rose arbor over the south. But not content with that, we again secured a few maple saplings about as high as our heads and planted them where their shade would some day do the most good.

Today that honeysuckle has had to be removed and the rose arbor is gone, just because those trees now furnish all the shade necessary and more light was wanted. And mind you, we were not the only ones to do the same thing. All over town one would see a young forest springing up. Of course the streets nearer the heart of the city were paved and sidewalks put in, thus defining the borders of the streets. But paving and gutters, curbs and sidewalks while they help to make things more orderly, it is true, do not constitute the real essential. Trees, and yet more trees, with shrubs and flowers are the real things of beauty.

Time was that we have sat on the hillside east of Medford and were able to count nine-tenths of the houses in town. Just try that today. Just last week we drove out the old street we used to ride our bike over to and from our work. And it was almost like driving through a tunnel—trees we had seen planted had attained such immense size that their branches touched across the street. Just think how much that would help when the thermometer stood around a hundred.

Now why cannot this town do the same thing? Of course we are getting a late start, but better late than never. We all talk of wanting to see more people come here to live. Well, the surest way to secure that most desired result is to make the town so beautiful they can't resist the temptation. We want more home-owners, so let's go after them by doing everything we possibly can to make the town so attractive they will want to come and join our gang.

## POLITICAL STAGE NOW ALL SET FOR MAY PRIMARY

Following is the complete list of candidates who have filed for the various national and state offices at the primary election to be held May 20th:

### United States Senator (Short Term)

Republican—Alex G. Barry, Portland; T. McNary Weed, Beaverton; Reade M. Ireland, Portland.

Democrat—Robert A. Miller, Portland.

### United States Senator (Long Term)

Republican—Robert N. Stanfield, Portland; Rufus C. Holman, Portland.

Democrat—Carl C. Donaugh, Portland; Willis Mahoney, Klamath Falls.

### Representative in Congress 1st District

Democrat—Andrew C. Burk, Salem; W. T. Miller, Grants Pass; Earl A. Nott, McMinnville.

Republican—James W. Mott, Salem; Walter Norblad, Astoria.

### 2nd District

Republican—Bayard T. Merrill, Juntura; U. S. Balentine, Klamath Falls; Rennie A. Tull, La Grande.

Democrat—Wade Crawford, Klamath Falls; Walter M. Pierce, La Grande.

### 3rd District

Republican—Homer D. Angell, Portland; Walter L. Tooze, Portland.

Democrat—Nanny Wood Honeyman, Portland; William J. Prendergast, Portland; Jack Wagner, Portland.

### Governor

Republican—J. W. Morton, Hood River; M. S. Shrock, Milwaukie; Clarence R. Wagoner, Portland; Sam H. Brown, Gervais; Charles L. Paine, Eugene; Charles A. Sprague, Salem; R. J. Hendricks, Salem; Henry M. Hansen, Portland.

Democrat—O. Henry Oleas, St. Helens; Charles H. Martin, Salem; Henry Hess, LaGrande.

### Secretary of State

Republican—Earl Snell, Arlington.

Democrat—Emily F. Edson, Portland.

### State School Superintendent

Republican—Charles A. Rice, Portland.

Democrat—John W. Leonhardt, LaGrande; Rev. Putnam, Salem.

### Labor Commissioner

Republican—C. H. Gram, Salem; David F. Graham, Vale.

Democrat—Clarence F. Hyde, Eugene; Paul E. Roth, Portland.

### State Supreme Court (Nonpartisan)

Position No. 2—Henry J. Bean, Pendleton; George T. Cochran, La Grande; Roy R. Hewitt, Salem; John W. McCulloch, Portland; Howard K. Zimmerman, Astoria.

Position No. 3—Joe O. Bailey, Portland; B. S. Martin, Salem.

Position No. 5—Hall S. Lusk, Portland; I. H. Van Winkle, Salem; James T. Chinnock, Grants Pass.

## P. T. A. NOTES

Jackson County P.T.A. Council will meet at Talent April 29 at 10 A.M. An interesting part of the business meeting will be the election and installation of county officers. The remainder of the forenoon session will be given to group conferences on the following subjects:

Instructions to new presidents, Summer round-up, ways and means membership and publicity.

The Talent unit will serve luncheon at noon for a nominal fee.

The subject for the afternoon program is "What can the P.T.A. do about alcohol and narcotics?" A panel composed of a minister, a doctor, a county nurse, a college student, a psychology teacher and a junior juvenile officer will try to give such information as will help in solving this problem.

Twelve or more members from the Central Point unit have planned to attend.

A children's attendant will be available if mothers desire. Mrs. James K. Hoey, president of the county council will preside.

Central Point P.T.A. realized a tidy sum from the banquet served to the School Masters April 11.

Everything went smoothly and Mrs. Pierce, president, thanks all who co-operated to make this undertaking successful.

## Engineer Hired To Start Work On Water Mains

At the adjourned meeting of the city council held Friday evening several matters of importance were discussed. In the matter of the proposed franchise for the local telephone company, the mayor named a committee consisting of Councilmen Ross, Milton and Finley to meet with the executive committee of the telephone company in an endeavor to arrive at an amicable settlement of the controversy.

The matter of street numbering was brought up by Recorder Tex, who asked that the council decide just what system should be followed. The council decided that the numbering should begin at the Pacific highway on streets running east and west and that Pine street should be the dividing line between the north and south portions of the city. Thus on streets running north and south the numbers will start at Pine street each way. The numbers to run one hundred to the block.

Mr. Paul Rynning, county engineer, was present by special invitation to assist the council in plans for the laying of new water mains in the downtown district. He stated that while his work for the county came first, that he would be glad to undertake the supervision of this work. He was asked by Mayor Hatfield to prepare an itemized estimate

of the cost of laying an eight-inch cast-iron main from the south end of Fourth street to Pine street, thence down Pine street to Front street, a distance of eleven blocks. Mr. Rynning agreed to try to have the estimate ready for presentation by April 15, if the council cared to meet at this time.

The present plan of the council is to take the money now lying idle in the water fund and add to it by issuing bonds as provided by the charter and let a contract for laying the new main from near the water tower to Pine street and thence to the highway. Plans have been discussed for several years to lay two six-inch mains in the alleys on each side of Pine street instead of digging up the old main, but after discussing the matter with Mr. Rynning the council decided it would be cheaper in the long run to dig out the old main and lay the new one in the same ditch.

It is believed that with this much of the old water system replaced with cast-iron mains that the worst of the troubles with leaks will be eliminated. Then after this is done, if the people still want to secure the Medford water the local distributing system will be in shape to handle it.

## So what? - LOCALS

### A SMILE

They might not need me—yet they might.

I'll let my heart be just in sight. A smile so small as mine might be. Precisely their necessity.

—Emily Dickinson

Boomerang—Mrs. Simons of Medford clipped an item from the American and sent to a friend in her home town in Missouri writing, if the democrat paper won't print this hand it to the Republican paper. At the end of about three weeks Mrs. Simons received a letter from her sister who lives in the same town in Missouri saying "I am enclosing a clipping from local paper that we thought was pretty good. Lo! and behold it was the same Mrs. Simons had clipped from The American."

A certain local lady saying that her husband called The American "The Sun shine paper".

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy report that all their spare time is put in fishing for catfish. Getting ready for the catfish derby, we suppose.

Mr. Ed Vincent and Rev. Phillips starting over new, when their favorite song was finished Sunday morning and everyone else had stopped, even the organist.

If anyone see something in this paper that makes trouble for them. Cheer up, it keeps the reporter in hot water all the time.

Anyone would think that Coach Hulbert, having a 4-month old son, would know where to look for safety pins.

Two bright young boys between twelve and fourteen coming from no one knows where, and going the same place, evidently out for a lark, stopped for a lunch at Damon's this afternoon and insisted on getting their money's worth. Going on to a grocery store and buying 15 cent worth of oranges, pinching each one and making really clever remarks, as they went out the door one boy said "I was never so embarrassed in my life." The two boys let out a war whoop and shot off toward the highway. Hurrying to the door and looking west we saw a horse and two wheel cart hitting the high spots. We held our breaths until the horse was safely across the highway. The boys got Vance Nolte to go after the horse who was almost out of sight. The last we saw of the youngsters they were jogging along behind the old horse toward Medford.

Bob Scott and Pink O'Connor—"There's no place like home!"

## Long Store to Be Rebuilt

The fire that partially destroyed their home last week did not destroy the courage of the Long family. Almost as soon as the firemen had departed, Mr. and Mrs. Long were hard at work clearing away the wreckage and preparing to rebuild.

The part of the building showing the worst damage has been torn down and a new roof is being built on the rest. This roof will be of fireproof construction. Owing to the fact that the building is isolated and also that the new service station had been permitted to be constructed of wood, although technically within the fire zone, the city officials have granted a permit to rebuild the partially burned building.

Much sympathy is being expressed for the unfortunate happening to the Long family and immediately following the fire a subscription was taken along the street to raise funds to enable Mr. and Mrs. Long to again have a roof over their heads. The worst damage to the stock of second hand goods was by water, as the fire was confined almost entirely to the attic.

Professor Harold Ager and wife of Portland accompanied by Mrs. R. W. Ager's sister of Jim Cummings arrived last Saturday to visit their son, who is principal of the Jacksonville 8th grade. Mrs. R. W. Ager will visit at the Cummings home. They plan to return to Portland Saturday. Mr. Harold Ager is principal of the Harford school in Portland.

## The Churches

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Pastor

### EASTER PROGRAM

The morning program opens promptly at 10:00 o'clock.

Hymn (congregation)—"Christ Arose."

Welcome—Donna Gleave, Barbara Anders and Ruby Brown.

Scripture reading—Scott Darby.

Prayer—Rev. C. A. Phillips.

Song—Primary Department.

Reading—Mary Hodapp.

Quartette—Marine Holland, Catherine Lees, Ardis Hansen and Ernestine Tracy.

Offering—For the Home for Aged Ministers.

Play—High School Class—"The Glad Message".

Reading—Mrs. C. A. Phillips—"Resurrection Angels".

Hymn (Cong.)—"Savior, More Than Life to Me".

Communion—11:00 A.M.—Hymn "There is a Fountain".

Hymn (cong.)—"Take the Name of Jesus With You".

Chorus—"Alleluia".

Men's Chorus—"In Judgment Hall".

Duet—"Easter Lilies"—Mrs. Hoover, Mrs. Eldé.

Scripture reading—Mrs. Phillips.

Prayer—Roland Hoover.

Solo—Mrs. Ruth Hoover, accompanied by Chorus.

Chorus—"Hallelujah".

Trio—"Women in Garden"—Mrs. Eldé, Mrs. Hoover and Mrs. Bohner.

Sermon—"When We Rise, What?" The Pastor.

Instrumental—"Just as I am".

Christian Endeavor for all ages—7:00 P.M.

Evening Easter Service—8:00 P.M.

Hymn (cong.)—"Christ Arose".

Chorus—Doris Nealon's Choir—Two Numbers.

Original Poem—Mrs. Amy C. Phillips.

Scripture Reading—Woodrow Phillips.

Prayer—Mr. Phillips.

Solo—J. Ed Vincent.

Chorus Number—"Hallelujah".

Solo—Mrs. Doris Nealon.

Sermon—"The Work of the Angels".

Instrumental—"All the Way My Savior Leads Me".

Benediction.

### THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor.

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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.

## MANY PLACING NUMBERS ON CITY RESIDENCES HERE

Much interest is being manifested in the plan to place numbers on each house in Central Point. Already a number of property owners have placed the numbers on their houses and many others are expected to do so at once. All that is necessary is to go to the city hall and secure the proper number from the Recorder.

The style and kind of number used is left entirely to the owner, but the majority seem to favor the bright aluminum figures, such as are used in most large cities. These figures may be obtained from the Alexander Hardware store at a cost of five cents each, including the brads to fasten them on the building.

It is hoped that every property owner in town will have sufficient civic pride to secure these numbers at once for the convenience of the public. Plans are now being made to have a city directory printed as soon as the houses are numbered. Such a directory will be of great convenience to everyone and will contain a map of the streets so that anyone can readily tell the location of any street in relation to the business district.

A number of additional street signs are now being made by the Civic club to be furnished free to citizens desiring to erect the same at street corners not now marked. The club will continue to furnish these signs free until the first of May and anyone desiring them should leave their names and the name of the street to be marked either with Mrs. Lorris Minick, president of the club, or at this office. It will not be necessary to set iron posts in concrete, although they are of course more durable. A well-set wooden post will last a number of years.

## Dinner Party at Weidman Home

One of the interesting events of the week was a dinner party at the J. M. Weidman home in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lent, who are visiting here from Two Buttes, Colorado.

Those present, besides the honor guests were: Mr. and Mrs. George Atkins and children, Walter, Paul, Earl, Dale and Mary; Capt. and Mrs. John White and children, Kent and Rosalou, of Grants Pass; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Homer and children, Virginia, Frances and Bobbie; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Borden; Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Panter of Bieber, California; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Terry and son, Elton, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weidman and children, Jeanette, Geraldine, Carol, Muriel and Nita, of Grants Pass.

## BAZAAR AND FOOD SALE APRIL 22

The Civic Club will hold a cooked food sale Friday the 22nd of April. A bazaar will be held in connection. Every one is invited to attend and also to help with both. If you haven't all ready started something for the bazaar, get busy at once. We are all proud of our new street signs. Let us more than pay for them on this occasion. A lunch of sandwiches, salad, home made cookies and coffee will be served at noon.

### Desperation

The new carpet in the old church was not yet paid for, and the debt stared the congregation in the face. The pasture advanced to the front of the platform and with great fervor and determination announced:

"We have tried every way we could think of to raise money. We have had sociables and concerts, and we have done everything we could that was honest. Now we are going to try a bazaar"—Pasadena Post.

## Some More Good Signs

Many people are getting down to fundamentals. Not expecting something for nothing any more.

We truly have a GREAT COUNTRY

Let's continue to treasure and improve it.

FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK

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