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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

It appeared yesterday morning that we had enjoyed a mighty short summer. B-r-r-r!

This week we are sending out the clarion call, USE WOODEN BOXES! This is one of the most important subjects this paper has ever sponsored. All over Southern Oregon one of the principal industries is suffering from lack of sufficient market for their product. Mills are working only part time—men are out of work—all on account of the fact that of late there has not been a sufficient demand for wooden boxes.

Every person in this and every other community in this county should be interested in this matter. A great many of our people depend for their living upon some kind of forest product. Our hills are covered with pine trees—fully ripe and ready for the saw. And an important percentage of this timber is only good for box shooks. So we all should do whatever we can in this campaign to broaden the market for one of our most important sources of income.

Our efficient city recorder seems to have made a great hit as a speculator. That talk before the civic club shows that Guy Tex has a very clear conception of the situation in this community and he is broad-minded enough to see that if this town wants to stay in the race and not become merely a remembrance and a "ghost town" like Toio and others we could name, it will have to play ball with the other communities of the county, large and small.

Maybe it's too early to start talking of next fall's election, but we are going to say this much, anyway. We doubt if there is a town in the state of like size which is blessed with a more conscientious and more efficient city recorder than is Central Point. And we are going to hop all over any cuss who tries to take that job away from him next fall. (There, that'll be fo' bits, Guy.)

The writer enjoyed a trip over into the Klamath country the other day and explored a lot of country with which he was not familiar. And one thing which struck us as an old cowpuncher was the numbers of fat steers lolling about the big pastures there. The whole upper end of the Klamath Basin seemed to be covered with the contented creatures. And another thing we noted was the number of acres which had been planted to Alsike clover for seed.

We had several of the grandchildren along in the party and on our way home drove up to see if Crater Lake had changed any since our last visit. We told the kids to watch out for bears as we passed Government Camp, but had really little idea their watch would be successful. However, as we neared the top of the rim we turned a corner and there was Bruin calmly strolling up the road ahead of us. The old fellow courteously stepped aside as we came up and climbed a snow bank beside the pavement and gravely nodded "Howdy" to us all. We stopped and passed the time of day with him and asked if he had had a good sleep, at which he courteously nodded once more. But when he showed signs of a desire for closer acquaintance we bade him goodby and beat a hasty retreat.

Hurray for old "Ioway!" There's one place where they don't want any interference with purely state matters on the part of Big Jim and his cohorts. These folks who want to run the earth are going to find some day that the American people can be fooled part of the time, but get darned tired of being bonsed forever. And those Iowa farmers always were a pretty level-headed bunch, anyway.

We are told that work is going to start very soon on the job of laying new water mains. We hope they don't run into much more red tape, or if they do, will find some way to cut the same right quick. The fall season will be upon us before we know it and we would like to see what difference the new mains will make before the irrigating season closes. But of course we know the boys are doing the best they can and will rush the contract as fast as possible.

EXPORT OF FOREST PRODUCTS BIG ITEM TO WEST

Of the \$288,378,000 worth of exports from the United States to Japan in 1937, a total of \$19,322,000 went from the Pacific Northwest principally in the form of lumber and other forest products. This business accounted for a very considerable part of the activity in Oregon forests and the wages paid Oregon timber workers. Other exports to Japan from this region in 1937 were made up largely of scrap iron, steel and scrap tin to supply the island kingdom industries with the raw materials denied it by nature.

The largest item in the timber products category was wood pulp of which Japan received cargoes valued at \$14,312,000, with sawn Douglas fir second on the list and miscellaneous wood and paper products third. The following classification by the Department of Commerce of timber products exported to Japan in 1937 is of timely interest:

Wood pulp, \$14,312,000; Douglas fir, sawn, \$2,555,000; Douglas fir, logs and hewn, \$287,000; Hemlock, \$255,000; Cedar, western red, \$131,000; Piling, \$281,000; Douglas fir, boards, planks, \$303,000; Hemlock, boards, planks, \$59,000; other wood and paper products, \$1,139,000.

Department of Commerce figures also show that Japan offers the third principal export market for American products and that this trade has registered a healthy increase from year to year over a considerable period of time. The 1937 export total to Japan was the highest since 1920, and \$84,030,000 greater than in 1936. American exports to Japan in 1930 exceeded the total of imports from that country by \$84,176,000.

The bulk of the goods supplied Japan each year is composed of crude materials and semi-manufactures for use in Japan's expanding industries, these two classifications accounting for 80.2 per cent of the total in volume and value.

An analysis of the Oriental trade discloses that in volume and value Japan purchases from the United States four times as much as does China while the United States imports from Japan less than half as much as from the Asiatic mainland. In other words, the trade with Japan provides a gratifying excess of exports over imports while American trade with China is exactly reversed, the 1937 figures showing that American imports from China exceeded exports to that country by \$50,000,000.

Track Meet Held By C. Endeavor

The Senior Christian Endeavor of the Federated Church, held their monthly party, Thursday evening, June 2nd, in the basement of the church in the form of a track meet. The basement was gayly decorated in streamers of blue, red, yellow, white, pink and green, while clever signs giving directions were placed over doorways and in the different rooms.

As the young people arrived, small crepe paper streamers of either green or yellow indicating which side they were to be on in the track meet were pinned on them.

The party started off with a discussion which was followed by the javelin throw, the 100 yard dash, etc. The final track event was a novelty relay race.

The final contest was one in which everyone had a chance to display his or her dramatic prowess. Each side was to pick out a fairy story and enact it before the judges and members of the other side. The greens chose "Goldilocks and the three Bears" and the yellows gave "Cinderella".

When the final score was taken the yellow came out first and each one on that side was presented with a yellow Christian Endeavor emblem.

The evening was climaxed with the serving, buffet style, of delicious refreshments consisting of cake and punch.

All attending reported a good time and are awaiting eagerly the next party to be held in the near future.

Join Wood Box Drive

JACK H. DOBBIN
Sec'y-Mgr Natinal Wooden Box Association
Pacific Division

Over 60% of the income in Pacific Slope states is derived directly or indirectly from timber industries. Many municipal and county governments are supported by tax revenue from standing timber and lumber manufacturers. The welfare of hundreds of communities is dependent upon the wide-spread use of all timber products.

Because of the physical properties of Ponderosa Pine, Idaho White Pine, Spruce, Hemlock and White Fir, a large proportion of the log must find its way into manufacturing channels utilizing low grade lumber. If low grades are not consumed in sufficient volume and at profitable prices, sawmills suffer from inventory deterioration, unbalanced operations and eventually stagnation of earning power. Therefore, timber, capital and labor are conserved through adequate consumption of low grades.

Manufacture of sawn wooden boxes is by far the greatest outlet for lower grades of lumber. Sawn boxes compete with lighter and cheaper substitutes in the canner package field, but, correctly designed, they are recognized as transporting canned goods with the least damage from dented cans, torn labels and punctures.

The excess freight due to the heavier weight of wood calculated at 36c per 100 lbs. amounts to less than one-twentieth of a cent per can on the No. 1 Tall size.

When 1000 wooden cases are shipped per car of canned goods it means that about 5,000 board feet of lumber goes into their manufacture, adding approximately sales of \$120.00 to the lumber industry. It is estimated that at least 80% of this amount will find its way back to the local communities in which the lumber is sawn and the cases manufactured. The expenditure of these additional amounts certainly results in an increase of business well able to absorb the small difference in freight on canned goods when packed in wood. It is good business for both the employees of timber industries and stores catering to their trade to insist upon shipments of canned goods in wood.

Mrs. Yost Honored At Two Showers

The ladies of the Keystone class gathered at the home of Mrs. Otto Bohnert for a shower party in honor of Mrs. Marjorie Yost. Those present were Mesdames W. K. Davis, John Bohnert, Ernest Scott, Carl Hoover, Chat Elde, Will Foley, Milton Huston, Alfred Middleton of Grants Pass, Miss Lysle Gregory, the honor guest Mrs. Yost and hostess Mrs. Bohnert. Mrs. Yost received many lovely gifts. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Ray Yost entertained at her home in Medford in honor of Mrs. Marjorie Yost the following guests from Medford, Phoenix, and Central Point last Thursday afternoon: Mesdames Glen Yost, Frank Denzer, Yarborough, George Drake, Ed Stillwell, Kate Fisher, Chat Elde, Edw. Jones, Otto Bohnert, Wilbur Walden, Jack Clark, Ray Yost, Miss Annie Morrissey, Miss Lois Yost and hostess and honor guest. Many lovely gifts were received by the honor guest. Lovely refreshments were served.

Walter Plymale Dies at Fresno

Relatives of Walter Marvin Plymale received word of his death at Fresno general hospital in Fresno, Calif., on Sunday, June 5.

Mr. Plymale, born on the Plymale ranch near Central Point, was 65 years of age. He was the son of the late William Jasper and Josephine L. Plymale, pioneer residents of Jacksonville, and a brother of the late Ben H. Plymale of Medford.

Of a family of 12 children, he is survived by three sisters; Mrs. Kate M. Kime of Medford; Mrs. Emma Stine, of Oakland, Calif., and Mrs. Mary Fairchild of Yreka, Calif., and a daughter, Mrs. Eldena Marshall of Portland.

His ashes will be placed in the family plot in the Jacksonville cemetery after cremation in Fresno on Tuesday, June 11.

Funeral of Judge H. D. Reed Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Judge H. D. Reed, justice of the peace at Gold Hill who died Saturday noon in a Portland hospital, was held in the Conger chapel at 10:00 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The Rev. E. S. Bartham, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, conducted the services at the chapel. Medford lodge of Elks conducted the ritual at the graveside in the Rock Point cemetery, Gold Hill, where interment took place.

He is survived by his widow, Nellie G. Reed; a son, Charles L. Reed of San Francisco, and a granddaughter, Janet Reed of Portland.

Mr. M. C. Gleason is making his regular trip north this week. He will go as far as Marshfield covering all the cities on this route.

Mrs. H. L. Smith and Mrs. C. Long each lost two teeth to the dentist this week.

Eastern Star Ladies Meet at Dean Home

Wednesday afternoon the ladies of Nevita Chapter O.E.S. No. 93 gathered at the home of Mrs. Dean to compliment her with a combined house-warming and Birthday party. Mrs. Dean and her son Mr. Frank Dean have during the past winter completely renovated the old family home. The afternoon was spent visiting and playing games. Prizes for the afternoon going to Miss Sadie Koeler and Mrs. Gladys Jewett.

Mrs. Dean's daughter, Mrs. Leonard Freeman, was in complete charge of arrangements, assisted by Mrs. Bertha Bursell, Mrs. L. C. Scott, and Mrs. Ed Vincent. In addition to the Star members special guests for the afternoon included: Mrs. W. J. Freeman, Miss Ilva Liebrand and Mrs. Opal Haley. During the refreshment hour Mrs. Dean was presented with a lovely set of breakfast dishes from the group.

Cub Council to Meet Friday Eve

A Cub Council for Cub Scouts will be held at the H. C. Williamson home on Beall Lane tomorrow (Friday) evening. Awards will be made at this meeting and all Cubs are expected to be present.

All parents and friends of the Cubs are invited to attend the council and all members of the Cub committee are urged to be present.

Civic Club to Hold Cooked Food Sale

The Civic club met Wednesday afternoon and decided to hold a cooked food sale Saturday June 18. A luncheon of beef stew, crackers, pie and coffee will be served for 25c. Every one invited. All donations for the cooked food sale will be gratefully received.

The plan to have ice in the drinking fountain by the old city hall will be carried out.

LOCALS

Mrs. A. J. Hadley is at the Community hospital where she will undergo a major operation. She will have to stay at the hospital for a month afterward.

Mrs. Albert Milton spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hale and little granddaughter Barbara Hale at Klamath Falls. Mr. Hale is not improving very fast.

Keep cool in comfortable slacks at Faber's.

Mr. Frank Wells of Spokane, an acquaintance of Mr. E. C. Faber and related to McDonald of Medford, connected with the Federal Land bank at Spokane, was a caller on Mr. Faber this week. He states that land values have increased around the dam and that there is a big opening for tracts under the Grand Coulee dam system.

Jackson County Gets Few Checks

Salem, Ore., June 6—May distribution of benefit checks to jobless workers insured under the state unemployment compensation law found Medford, claim center for Jackson and Josephine Counties, receiving \$23,397.61, for 2.8 per cent of the total for the state.

Portland's metropolitan area, including Multnomah, Columbia, Washington and parts of Clackamas county led the list, with 46 per cent. Eugene was second with 7 per cent and Ontario nosed out The Dalles for low honors, .7 per cent to .9.

May checks totalled \$730,102, boosting the cumulative total since administration of the law began in January to \$3,291,750 but June business has raised this close to the three and one-half million mark, with checks rapidly approaching the 300,000 mark.

Nearly 16,000 claimants have been paid in full for the current year and 69,315 claims have been received from the 22 local offices scattered through the state. Of these, 56,931 have been determined as valid claims against the fund.

A few claimants, whose unemployment was broken by temporary work periods have received their 19th checks. Average amount per check for those whose claims have been paid up for 1938 was \$12.61.

Miss Erma Hamrick of Warm Springs, Oregon, arrived Sunday morning for a visit of a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hamrick and other friends and relatives.

So what?—

The hour of crisis never makes or unmake us: That hour shows forth what is in us.—John McAfee.

It's a foregone conclusion that Mr. E. E. Scott will be our next representative in the Legislature. This is his platform. He would make it a law, that every man have hot biscuits and ham and eggs for breakfast.

Mr. Ed Vincent is an entirely different person in the big city than at home. The atmosphere goes to his head and he can't see common folks.

The weatherman put one over on Kenneth Powell Wednesday morning. He set the alarm for 3:30 in the morning so as to be able to get out of the hot shop in the afternoon. When he arrived at the shop it was so cold he had to build a fire and no excuse for laying off in the afternoon to go fishing.

A certain Medford business man asking how much it would cost to send our paper to a cousin in another state, who runs a weekly newspaper, for a month. We told him we would exchange for that length and we were told that we wouldn't want his paper but the other fellow might learn something from our paper. His name won't be put on mailing list until after this week's issue.

Everyone in Medford talking about Guy Tex's address before the Civic club.

Mrs. Bonney being serenaded this morning by Mr. Jim Love singing "My Bonney Lies over the Ocean. My Bonney lies over the sea," etc.

We were to run a lost ad this morning for a young couple Mr. and Mrs. Robin, who had an apartment in a tree in the Tracy yard last summer. The ad was killed later when Mrs. Tracy spied Mrs. Robin peering over the nest at her.

At Last!

That which seemed impossible has happened. Men are seeing the light.

Seeing that cooperation and large friendliness are necessary for development.

Guy Tex chose his text and adorned it.

VISION, HARMONY, COOPERATION, PROGRESS.

Congratulations to the Civic Club, Guy Tex, Arthur Edward Powell (Old Common Sense) and the Town of Central Point for leading The way to Town and City harmony in Rogue River Valley.

FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK
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MOTORISTS ARE 'CASHING IN' ON SAFE DRIVING

Oregon motorists are already "cashing in" on their successful efforts to reduce the automobile's toll of accidents, injuries and deaths, since nearly all insurance companies in the state have announced rate reductions ranging from 5 to 15 per cent on property damage and public liability insurance, secretary of state Earl Snell declared today.

Some of the companies have made a flat cut in the amount of premium payable while others have offered a 15 per cent rebate to all policy holders who will have no accident claims charged against them in the course of the year.

Snell said that savings to Oregon drivers effected by this action of the insurance companies are expected to run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, although an exact estimate cannot be made at this time.

Credit for a share in Oregon's accident reduction was given directly to Snell's organized safety efforts by John R. Cooney, chairman of the board of Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Company of New York, on a visit to Oregon. Cooney quoted National Safety council figures giving Oregon's reduction in highway fatalities for the first three months of 1938, compared with the first quarter of 1937, as 40 per cent, fourth best record among the nation's 48 states.

Snell said that in addition to the saving of 23 lives so far this year, Oregon motorists reported nearly 700 fewer accidents up to April 30th than during the same period last year.

"This action of the insurance companies comes as tangible evidence that Oregon's safety campaign is making headway," Snell added. "We are hopeful that our drivers will not only continue to enjoy these monetary benefits, but also that they will strive even more zealously to conserve life and health by driving carefully. Prevention of human suffering and loss of life should be the prime objective of all our safety efforts."

Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien who arrived here from Montana recently, have leased the Shell service station.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips,
Pastor

Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hoover, Supt.

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Subject "God Mercy and Man's Justice." Special by Choir "The Fight Is On."

Christian Endeavor 7:00 P. M. Director Roland Hoover. Classes for all ages.

Evangelistic Service 8:00 P. M. Subject "Worship" Have we lost the Art? Choir "Faith Is Victory."

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:45 P.M. Devotional Leader O. H. Miller. Mr. Davis will continue the Bible Study.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor.
Phone 51

Bible School 9:30 A.M.

Worship Services 11:00 A.M.

Junior League 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Minnick and Mrs. Hill, Leaders.

Senior League 7:00 P.M. Mr. Kamberz, Advisor.

Evening Services 8:00 P.M.

Tuesday afternoon Bible Class 2:30 P.M. Followed by prayer services.

Wednesday evening prayer meeting 8:00 P.M., Mr. Ayres, Senior Leader.

Thursday afternoon the Ladies' Aid meets in the cool basement to quilt. Everyone invited.

Boys and girls and everyone. Remember the 26th of June. The Daily Vacation Bible School will start in the school house.

During the Sunday School hour will be given the children. Day Program of Scripture readings, recitations, music and promotions of boys and girls into the higher grades of the school. The parents of our boys and girls are especially urged to be present and enjoy the hour and a very cordial invitation is given to all to be present.