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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Hey! Somebody come and slip a chunk of ice down our neck about every so often! This darned shop is too near Hades for our taste. They'll have to change the usual idea of the hereafter set apart for editors if they are going to scare us, after a time spent in this hive of industry.

Our able assistant has returned to the job after a short time spent on a farm. And he sure looked like something to scare the kiddies with when he first got home. He had forgotten there was such a thing as a razor and had acquired a fine growth of beard. Guess he has more respect for the poor farmer than he used to have. At least he knows that life down on the farm isn't all beer and skittles, as the feller said.

Have you got your share of the paving blocks lying along the big ditch? At first the plan was to save the asphalt and melt it up for patching purposes. But it has been decided that the stuff wouldn't be much good for that purpose, so the officials are giving it to anyone wanting it to build flagstone walks, ect. And Bert won't take a shot at you if he catches you carting off the broken concrete, either.

It sure was a sight for sore eyes to watch Guy Tex lugging great slabs of the old paving material and heaving them into a high trailer. He and Doc Goldsbury were busy as a cat on a tin roof the other night. They must be going into the paving business in their neck of the woods.

All is peaceful along the Potomac once more. The festive carnival has folded up its tents and silently (more or less) stolen away. If they got away with more than that, it hasn't been reported to us. And the kids have finished dry-panning the sawdust in search of the elusive nickels. Guests at the hotel can sleep again, and all's well.

Having just finished the above paragraphs we decided to lay off for a short time on account of the heat and seek a cooler spot. Had just made our selves more or less comfortable in a reclining chair on the shady side of the house, "thinking busily of nothing" as the feller said, when a clap of thunder woke us from our reveries and in a few minutes we had to hustle indoors to escape the rain. Think of it! Rain—in July in this country! But the said downpour sure did clear the air once more this morning. "Richard is himself again."

Dropped in on an adjourned meeting of the city dads last night and had the shock of our life. We had hardly settled ourselves in our seat when a motion was made by Councilman Bonney and seconded by Councilman Milton that the city engineer be instructed to start the necessary proceedings to apply for a PWA loan for the purpose of rebuilding the balance of the old leaky water mains in the city; to build a sewage disposal system to put an end to the present pollution of a tributary of the famous Rogue River, and to BUILD THE NEW MAIN TO BRING THE MEDFORD WATER TO OUR CITY! When the old heart got going again we heard at least part of the discussion on the motion, which was later withdrawn and then restated by Councilman Myers, who proposed that the water proposition be taken up first so as to get it going and give the engineer more time to make the more complicated application for the disposal plant. This motion to make immediate application for a loan to finish the job of putting our distribution system in first class condition and to bring in the Medford water was passed unanimously.

This writer heartily commends this action on the part of the city council. Bless their hearts, we hereby pledge ourselves to put no stumbling blocks in their way and to give them our most earnest support in this worthy movement, which we honestly believe is for the best interest of our fair city.

And now let's all get together and boost. Forget the old-time jealousies and bickerings. Let's all be loyal citizens of the little town we live in and do our part to make it the best little town in Southern Oregon.

PWA LOAN IS SOUGHT FOR WATER

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR F. G. MITCHELL IS HELD TODAY

Funeral services for Frank Groves Mitchell, 50, who died at the family residence on the old Pacific highway Monday afternoon, will be held from the Perl Funeral Home Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock, the Rev. Clifton Phillips of Central Point officiating. Interment will take place in the Central Point cemetery. Medford post of the American Legion will have charge of graveside services and will act as pall-bearers. Company A, 186th Infantry, Medford National Guards, will fire a salute at the grave.

Frank Mitchell was born at Denison, Texas, October 1, 1887, and came to the northwest previous to the World war. He had been a resident of Medford for the past seven years. He was married to Miss Dorothy Lorena Hare at Tillamook, Ore., August 6, 1924.

He is survived by his wife, his daughter, Nelda, and a daughter by a previous marriage, Mrs. Frances Jabo of Aberdeen, Wash., his mother, Mrs. Victoria Mitchell of Denison, Texas, one brother, Fred Mitchell of Denison, Texas, and four sisters.

Mr. Mitchell was a World war veteran, enlisting at Tillamook in 1916 and being honorably discharged from Battery C, 65th Coast Artillery Corps February 28, 1919. He saw furious fighting in France, serving in the St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives, and conducted himself with valor at all times.

A very beautiful military funeral service was held this morning for Mr. Mitchell. Many of his friends and neighbors were present to show their last respect for their friend and after the services the flag that draped the casket was given to Gordon Hare's brother of the deceased man's wife. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the sorrowing family.

New Industry Is Started in Town

Not content with having to purchase so much raw material for the manufacture of mattresses, L. P. Mathes, proprietor of the Central Point Mattress Factory, has started the growing of cotton on his place in the north part of town. At least we suppose that is his reason. Anyway, on a brief call at the factory yesterday we noted several rows of fine cotton growing in the garden. The plants appeared very thrifty, with some nearly ready to blossom.

Mr. Mathes has a very nice garden on his place and says he expects to grow a large part of his living there. He says he has made arrangements to have our enterprising insurance man, Guy Tex, harvest his cotton when the proper time comes. It has not been definitely decided whether it will be better to send South for picnicians to assist him or use local help. Better call on Guy at once and get your name in, anyway.

Sunday School Picnic Held in G. P. Park

Who says a picnic isn't fun? No one who was at the Federated Sunday School picnic Saturday thinks a picnic isn't fun. In the perfect setting of Grants Pass park with its spacious green lawns, the pool for the little ones to swim, the river for the older ones for swimming or boat riding. Races under the direction of Miss Ruby Webster and her assistants were entered into heartily by all. Sack races, potato races, and foot races by different ages. Last was the fat ladies race won by Mrs. L. C. Grimes and the cracker eating race won by Mr. A. W. Ayers. Mr. Amick couldn't get his whistle moistened up quick enough to whistle Yankee Doodle. The tables groaned under their weight of food and every one groaned for capacity. After the ice cream cones, four or five a piece we all voted this the best time yet.

Council Decides to Finish Mains and Get Medford Water

At an adjourned meeting of the city council held Wednesday evening the matter of applying for a loan from the Public Works Administration for the purpose of completing the job of replacing the rest of the old water mains in this city and also to lay the connecting main to bring the Medford water to the city was taken up. There are three projects under consideration at this time—completing the new distributing system, connecting with the Medford system and the building of a sewage disposal plant on Bear Creek.

For several years it has been known that there would have to be something done about the matter of dumping open sewers into Bear Creek. A short time before Mayor Leever died a preliminary survey was made and an application drawn up for a PWA loan for this project. However, on account of the fact that the government officials and the city council could not agree as to the necessary cost of the project, the application was withdrawn and the matter dropped.

At the meeting Wednesday evening Councilman Bonney introduced a motion to employ Engineer Paul Rynning to prepare the necessary papers to apply to the PWA for a

loan large enough to complete the laying of the new water mains in the city where necessary, to build the connecting main to bring Medford water to the city and to build a sewage disposal plant. This motion was seconded by Councilman Milton and endorsed by Councilman Hesselgrave. After some discussion and a statement by Mr. Rynning that the matter of the sewage disposal plant would take more time than the water matter, Mr. Bonney withdrew his motion. It was then moved by Councilman Myers that Mr. Rynning proceed with the application for a loan sufficient to complete the new mains including the supply main for the Medford water. Mr. Bonney seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Rynning suggested that if the council wished to make application for a loan for the sewage disposal plant that it would be made a separate project. It is understood that as soon as the water loan application is made the city will proceed with the sewer matter at once. This project calls for a much more complicated set of plans than the water matter, but the work on it will be rushed as much as possible in order to get the application in before the first of September.

So what?—

True heroism consists in being superior to the ills of life, in whatever shape they may challenge him to combat.—Napoleon.

This column isn't supposed to have any too much sense, but when the operator leaves out a word or line it acts as a boomerang and soon comes back to the writer minus what little it did have when it started.

Seen by a passerby—Dr. Goldsbury, Guy Tex and the editor out pick up stumbling blocks off the Central Point streets.

Mr. Alexander thinking it might be a good idea if we would all close up and go to the mountains for a month.

Mr. Peart advising everyone to go home and put on an overcoat Wednesday afternoon.

Vern Pendleton complaining of being awfully hungry at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. No wonder, when he hadn't had any lunch yet.

The northbound train stopping to let Joe Mann off Wednesday afternoon.

Al Maple telling about them keeping the furnace burning in Everett, Washington.

Mrs. Minnick riding on the merry-go-round with a married man, and he wasn't her husband, either.

O. D. Tucker and Ben Peart slipping away to some secret mining possession over the week end.

Mary Richardson is in Medford visiting the Hermanson, True, Pence and Middlebushers homes. Last week she visited Fridays in Hornbrook, returning home Monday morning.

Goldy Changes Name of Agency

The business name of the former Charles A. Wing Agency has been changed to Mark A. Goldy, Inc., according to an announcement Saturday by Mark Goldy. The general real estate, insurance and property management business of the firm has been, until recently, managed by Charles Wing and Mr. Goldy. The latter purchased Wing's interest.

Church Honors Retiring Pastor

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were made very happy on Thursday evening when one hundred and twenty-five of their friends gathered at the church to bid them good-bye. The evening was started by a big sing followed by prayer by Mr. Kamberg, Stanley Parrish led the Bible School children in chorus singing. Then for the real pleasure of the evening was Mr. Linden Launer of Albany, who sang two requested songs "Honey in the Rock" and "Abide With Me" after this ever one was given a chance to tell what Rev. Lewis ministry here had meant to them and many responded and some could not for sadness filled all our hearts to see them go. Mr. Lewis then answered. In his farewell sermon on Sunday night he used Acts 29 for his remarks and it is just perfect for his ministry here. Mrs. Lewis responded with a Scripture verse. While refreshments were being prepared Mr. Launer entertained with a piano and song skit. Ice cream and cake was served by the ladies. All the boys and girls and grownups had been given envelopes on Sunday for a love gift and message. These were all put into a bag and given to them to read and count at their leisure.

The church board gave Rev. Stanley Parrish the call of supply pastor for the Federated Church until a regular pastor be called, will make his home in the Manse.

Improved Station Is Now Open

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones of Gold Hill, former owners of the Associated station and Oaks Lunch, this week opened the Willow Springs service station and Lunch Room on the Pacific highway, 2 1/2 miles north of Central Point.

The Jones' have made extensive repairs at their new location. The entire station has been improved and the dining room has been completely remodeled. A counter, booth and tables and chairs have been added and Mrs. Jones and daughters will serve plate lunches at noon and will also handle short orders, soft drinks, and Snider's dairy products. Mr. Jones will handle all Standard products.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, daughters, Leota and Dorothy Harris and Maralee Harris invite their many friends to stop in at their new location.

Civil War Vets Returns Safely From Gettysburg Reunion

Two members of the Jackson county delegation of Civil war veterans who attended the encampment and reunion of veterans of both Union and Confederate armies in conjunction with the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, Frank Mengos, only surviving Civil war veteran now living in Medford, and Cyrenus Vroman of Gold Hill, returned to their homes this week. J. C. Woods of this city, the other Jackson county man to attend the celebration, and his wife will visit their old home in Ohio before returning home.

Letters received from Mrs. Woods by friends in this city state that Mr. Woods is feeling very well and they are having the time of their lives. She states that the whole affair was a great success and that the veterans enjoyed it very much. Their many friends here join in the hope that the aged couple will have a safe journey home.

William L. Miller Called by Death

William Leonard Miller, well-known resident of Medford, where he had lived for the past 33 years, passed away at the family home, 21 Vancouver avenue, Wednesday at 1 a.m., after three weeks illness from a heart affliction.

"Bill," as he was commonly known to his many friends, was born in Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa, November 23, 1879. He spent his early life in Iowa and was united in marriage to Miss Ava Leedham at Clinton, Iowa, September 24, 1902. They lived in Clinton for a year, going to California in 1903 where they resided before coming to southern Oregon in 1904.

Mr. Miller was a fine builder and contractor, having built many of Medford's finest residences and buildings. He leaves a host of friends to mourn his departure. His wife passed away in 1921. Later he remarried.

PNG's Entertained At Gleason Home

Emma Gleason entertained the Past Noble Grand's club Tuesday afternoon with a lawn party at her home. All present enjoyed the beautiful surroundings under the shady trees.

Mary Richardson acted as Secretary in the absence of the Secretary Catherine Merritt. Members present were Minnie Buckles, president; Etta Purkeppile, Inez Ferguson, Clara Farra, Betta Pankey, Mary Richardson and the hostess Emma Gleason.

It was discussed of donating \$25.00 to the I.O.O.F. for building a covering for the stove and tables at the picnic grounds on Rogue River.

A motion was made and carried that we notify the Odd Fellows to bring their wives and well filled baskets and meet with us on their picnic grounds the 7th of August. The Odd Fellows who haven't wives bring a lady friend and Rebekahs who haven't husbands bring a friend.

After the close of the meeting Sister Gleason assisted by Mrs. Mervyn Gleason served delicious ice cream, cake and punch.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson dropped a card from the land of the midnight sun saying they were leaving for Hapananola and Finland June 28 and hoped to be back in the good old U.S.A. before long.

LADIES TO SERVE ICE CREAM-CAKE ON LAWN THURS.

The ladies of the Civic club will serve ice cream and cake on the lawn at the high school building next Thursday evening, commencing at 7 o'clock.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Elks band of Medford, under direction of W. A. Botts, well known here as director of the high school band for a number of years.

Remember the date, Thursday, July 21 at the high school. The grounds will be lighted with flood lights for the occasion and a good time is assured.

Aged Lady Suffers Major Operation

Mrs. Clara D. W. Gregg who was operated for appendicitis last Thursday night, at the Community Hospital, Medford, is doing fine. In fact considering her age, which is a little past 87, she is doing remarkable fine. Mrs. Gregg came to Oregon a few years ago, from Ohio, to live with her son, Jim Gregg of Central Point. Her health has always been very good, and this is the first time she ever was in a hospital on account of her herself, which makes it seem very hard to her. However she says she is going to do just as the doctor says, so that she will get well quickly.

Evangelist Ladd To Speak Here

Evangelist James Earl Ladd will give just one lecture sermon at Church of Christ Sunday 17, 8:00 P.M. Evangelist Ladd is the best prepared speaker perhaps in the whole field of Evangelism on the subject "Evolution". Remember we have him just for one evening. Come! Don't fail to hear him!

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips, Pastor
Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hover, Supt.
Communion and Preaching, 11:00
Special music by Choir.
Christian Endeavor 7:00 P.M.
Roland Hover, Director.

We will have James Earl Ladd for a lecture on "Evolution" at 8:00 P.M. Evangelist Ladd is perhaps the best prepared speaker on this subject that is available today and it is a special privilege for you to hear him. We expect many outside visitors for this service. Don't miss it. Just for the one evening. Come! Bring your friends!
Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:45 P.M., Devotional leader, Mrs. Mary Coker and study leader, Mrs. Lettie Gregory.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
REV. STANLEY PARRISH
(Supply Pastor)
Phone 51
Bible School 9:30 A.M. Mr. Wm. Kamberg, Supt.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Junior and Senior League 7:00 P.M.

Evening Services 8:00 P.M.
Stanley G. Parrish, Pastor Supply, will bring two sermons Sunday—Morning subject will be "Nehemiah and the Fallen Walls of Jerusalem." The evening subject will be "The Scientific Accuracy of the Bible".
Tuesday afternoon Bible Study and Prayer services 2:30 P.M.
Wednesday evening prayer meeting for young and old 8:00 P.M.
Thursday ladies' Aid will meet at 1:00 P.M., for a covered dish lunch in basement of the church. Ladies who have earned their dollar bring them with your story of how you earned them.