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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

In another column will be found a communication in which Mr. Parker tells why he voted against the Medford water and signed the petition asking the PWA to turn down the loan. As we have said from the beginning, we are only too glad to print both sides to the question when brought to us. But we cannot entirely agree with the arguments set forth. But we shall not try to answer them at this time, as we have an idea most of our readers are getting mighty weary of the whole thing and never want to hear of it again. But one or two things should be made clear.

Under Mr. Parker's second item we wonder if he contends that there is a forty-five pound pressure in the city well. Is it not possible that the germs he speaks of might have gotten into the water before it ever reached the city mains? We have never heard anyone argue that contamination reached the water through the pipes themselves.

It rather seems to the writer that Mr. Parker is wandering far afield in his third paragraph. Just what connection there is between the fact that the street adjacent to the Parker home is unfinished and in bad shape in winter and the question of putting in a more adequate water system is too deep for us to grasp. While we are willing to admit that the street in question is in poor condition, (in fact it is really no street at all) it would appear the gentleman is asking quite a bit from the city when he expects it to spend much money on a blind street over which there never will be any appreciable travel. And he must bear in mind that the city never had any road making equipment until last year and had to hire the county to do such work. Naturally, most of the money went where there was the most travel. Now that the city is in better shape we have an idea the said street will be taken care of in due time.

Finally, as to his last statement. We call his attention to the fact that the law permitting ALL legal voters to vote on bond issues is part of the basic law of Oregon, having been adopted as an amendment to the constitution several years ago by vote of the people of the state. The law may or not be fair, but it is part of the constitution which the officials whom we mentioned last week in the article to which our correspondent takes exception, took solemn oath to support and defend. And it is the writer's firm belief that, however much they dislike any provisions of such constitutional law, they are in duty bound to abide by them until such a time as they be removed from the statute books. (If that be "UN-AMERICAN", make the most of it, Archie, old son.)

We had a pleasant call yesterday from our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. Ockerman, who said he wanted to set at rest certain rumors that had been going the rounds. He stated that he had heard that a certain former distinguished resident who happened to be visiting here during the campaign just before the recent bond election, J. O. Isaacson, had been going around town doing his best to prevent the Medford water plan from being adopted. Mr. Ockerman seized an opportunity just before "J. O." left for the south to question him about the matter and found that our former banker had been somewhat mis-informed about the matter and after being set right as to just what the plan was, he stated plainly that he would like to see it tried out, as he thought it sounded very plausible. "J. O." also admitted that ever since Medford put in its present water system he had kept a supply of that water in his home for drinking purposes on account of its softness and purity.

Had a fine visit the other day with our old friend Judge (plain "Bill" to you) Coleman, who has lived in this county since the year One, or 'thereabouts. Bill says he never yet has asked anyone to vote for him and he wasn't going to start now, but he just wanted the folks to know his term of office was up and that he was "willin'", as the feller said. Thank the Lord, we haven't run up against Judge Coleman officially as yet, (never can tell, though) but we believe he has made

PARKER STATES WHY HE VOTED AGAINST BONDS

October 11, 1938
To the Innocent Bystander, Central Point American:

In the issue of the American a week ago you gave us good swift kick-in-the-pants. In the last issue you gave us another kick in the sit-down. One kick is O.K.—but two kicks in the pants is one too many. So now I am going to come right back at you and tell just why I voted against the Medford water, and also signed the petition to the P.W.A.

FIRST—The P.W.A. grant is borrowed money. The Government borrowed that money from WALL STREET—and believe you me, Wall Street will get it back. Who is going to pay it back? Maybe some poor sucker that lives 2000 miles from here will have to pay for CENTRAL POINT'S FUN OF HAVING MEDFORD'S SNOW WATER TO DRINK. Or maybe after all we will have to pay it back ourselves—who knows?

SECOND—If Central Point's well water is impure—then the impurities were in the bottle that the sample water was sent away in, or deliberately put in the well, for it would be impossible for contamination to get into the pipes against a forty-five pound water pressure.

THIRD—I don't believe Central Point can afford to have Medford Water—Why?—for the simple reason that they cannot afford to fix the city street to our house. For thirty years my Mother and I have tried to get road work done so we could get a car to our house in the winter time. We have paid \$2,000 in taxes and assessments but there has been but 25 CENTS worth of road work done at our end of the street, and I personally paid the city the 25 cents. Last winter if we should of had a fire the city fire truck could not of reached the fire hydrant to save its soul from blank. NOW—Either Central Point can't afford to fix the road, or it just don't GIVE A DARN whether I can get a car to my house in the winter or not, or whether we have fire protection or not. I have tried time and again to help make something out of Central Point, but the city refuses to play ball with me.

FOURTH—It may be UN-AMERICAN to try to block the vote of the majority in a bond election—but I ask you—What kind of Americanism is it when people that live in a town and do not own a bit of ground can, legally, vote a bond issue on the people that do own the property? It may be legal, but I think it is darned UN-AMERICAN, and a dirty low-down trick to do. NOW you know what I think of the whole shooting match. The whole works STINKS TO HI-HEAVEN—SO LETS SET A GOOD EXAMPLE TO THE REST OF THE STRIFE TORN WORLD BY—STOP FIGHTING.

Respectfully yours for a better town (if possible)
ARCHIE PARKER

Work Progressing on Remodeling Church

The remodeling, which is being carried on at the Federated Church is progressing rapidly. The Ladies' Aid has kalsomined, painted and varnished the basement. The re-finishing of the auditorium is being undertaken by the King's Messenger Class. They have completed the graining and varnishing of the wood work and plan to begin kalsomining soon. The floor of the auditorium is to be sanded and finished with a floor preservative.

The Ladies' Berean Class donated the pressed wood to finish the ceiling of the vestibule. The different Sunday School classes are going to each take care of the finishing of their class rooms.

Ruby Webster's class bought the seed for the lawn.

The church extends an invitation to you to come in some Sunday and see the improvement for yourself.

a very efficient Justice. We hear that more than 5000 cases have come before him since he has been in office, which ought to be worth something in the way of experience.

Holman, Mott and Sprague Talk on Campaign Issues

Republicans from all over the country gathered at the high school auditorium in Medford Monday evening to listen to speeches by the leading candidates of the party in the campaign now on. Present at the meeting were Rufus Holman, state treasurer and candidate for the United States senate; James W. Mott, member of Congress and candidate to succeed himself; and Charles A. Sprague, candidate for governor of Oregon. The meeting was in charge of Kenneth Denman, county chairman.

The first speaker of the evening was Mr. Holman, who stressed the fact that the New Deal had had a fair trial for the past five years and had failed utterly to come up to expectations. He stated that while he agreed with some of the ideas and aims of the New Deal, he felt that it was time to try some other method to arrive at such aims. He called attention to the matter of reciprocal trade treaties which caused much loss to the Oregon industries and which he said were being made without the consent of Congress. Mr. Holman further stated that Oregon had always led the nation in progressive ideas and that the country was looking to this state to continue such lead.

James W. Mott, who followed Mr. Holman, is too well known in Jackson county to need introduction. In a brief talk, Mr. Mott told of the many bills which have come before Congress in the past few years which affected this district and called attention to the fact that the 1st Congressional district of Oregon is one of the largest and most important districts in the nation. Almost every item of national legislation coming before Congress is of vital interest to the people of this part of Oregon. Mr. Mott further disclosed the fact that through his position on the Roads and Highways committee he had been able to secure additional funds for this state, in spite of the fact that the President had recommended that federal assistance for highways be reduced.

The chairman then introduced Charles A. Sprague, who began his talk by saying "We have been listening to some very interesting talks by these distinguished gentlemen concerning national affairs; now let's come back home and talk over our own affairs for a while. I am not a candidate for a national office. I am a candidate for Governor of Oregon. I do not claim to be the New Deal candidate, but I do claim to be a candidate for a Square Deal

for the people of this state." Mr. Sprague told his hearers that the governor of Oregon had a big job just attending to our own affairs. He said that as the official head of the affairs of state government, the governor was responsible for the spending of nearly \$90,000,000 a year. The speaker went on to say "I am carrying the banner of good, sound government in Oregon."

"I appeal not only to the good republicans but to the good democrats of Oregon for support," he continued. "I have been pleased at the number of good democrats who have offered their support."

He outlined a "middle of the road" program that swings neither to the extreme left nor the extreme right.

Reiterating respect for the rights of labor organizations, he called for a period of industrial peace to help encourage new industries, while also proposed to assure low tax base by efficient government.

Increasing old age assistance to completely match the expenditures of the federal government to all who need the help, and a sifting of any "moochers and grafters" from relief funds was asked.

A former assistant superintendent of public schools in the state of Washington, he said schools, roads and relief all must be given adequate support.

Farmers were urged to suit their crops not only to soil propensities but also to market possibilities.

"Let us mix brains with our natural resources," he said.

Following the principal addresses a man rose in the audience and asked that the candidates for national office state their position on the Townsend Plan. Mr. Holman at once rose and stated that he was not a new convert to the plan "just to secure votes," as claimed by his opponent, and displayed a membership in a Salem club dated over four years ago. He said that he believed the plan was workable and would be of immense benefit to both old and young.

Mr. Mott gave a brief outline of the progress of the bill before Congress carrying out the provisions of Dr. Townsend's idea and stated he and his colleagues who favored the bill were now endeavoring to force hearings on the bill before the Ways and Means committee, to which the bill had been referred. He called attention to the fact that this committee is about four to one Administration adherents and was opposed to holding any hearings at this time.

Little Girls Enjoy Birthday Party

Anna Booth was eleven years old on the 10th of October and Dorothy LaCasse was ten on the 11th. The little girls celebrated their birthdays with a party at the latter's home on Saturday, October 8th.

About fourteen of their school-mates were present. Games were played and Mrs. Booth and Mrs. LaCasse served refreshments of ice cream and cake. The honor guests received many lovely presents.

Mrs. Foley Hostess At Honor Shower

Mrs. William Foley, assisted by Mrs. Victor Bursell and Mrs. Leonard Freeman, are entertaining about twenty-four guests at a shower honoring Miss Ruth Haley, whose marriage will take place the latter part of this month. The gathering will be at the Foley home Saturday afternoon, Miss Haley is well known here, having attended the local school, though recently living in Medford. The happy man is Walter Reich, a cousin of the Mr. Reich who married Peggy Lawrence. Both girls attended the local school at the same time.

Bill Metcham, valley pioneer and now manager of the Imperial hotel in Portland, attended the meeting of the Jackson County Pioneer Society in Jacksonville last week. Mrs. Metcham was formerly Miss Pauline Knobl of Jacksonville, also a member of a pioneer family.

Warning

For some time patrons of the public library have been annoyed by the actions of several boys who seem to think the place is conducted as a playhouse for their benefit. The boys persist in boisterous conduct, loud talking, etc., in spite of the remonstrances of the librarian.

Warning is hereby given that unless these boys mend their ways they will not be permitted to use the library at all and they will be taken into court to answer charges of disturbing the peace.

Willow Springs Items

Horace and Howard Wilson returned from Montana Wednesday evening. They have been in Montana ever since July working for their brother-in-law.

Little Tommy Ray Jones has been sick with tonsillitis.

Mrs. G. V. Vincent and Marcia motored to Glendale with Edward Inmann and Mr. Tom Muse of Talent. They went to see Mr. Tracy Muse.

Cleo and Everett Young attended the International Livestock Fair at Portland. While there they visited some friends who lived on an island and ate dinner with them. While they were on the island the bridge burned and they were stranded for four days.

Mr. Carl Hover has bought the Cogbe place and is now living on it.

Grange to Hold Dance on Saturday October 15, at Hall

The Central Point Grange will begin their fall activities with a dance to be held on Saturday evening October 15, at the Grange hall. The Ways and Means Committee of the Grange feels there is a need in the community for this type of amusement both for young and old alike. The dance dances are conducted, as a home dance where the whole family may come and participate.

Mr. Frank Hammond will be in charge and DeKey's three piece orchestra, from Ashland, will play. A nominal fee will be charged at the door and all attending are promised a real evening of enjoyment and pleasure. Dancing from 9 to 12 p.m.

"King's Messengers" Hold Monthly Party

The "King's Messenger" class of the Federated Church held their monthly social at the home of Mrs. Violet Hamilton of Table Rock Tuesday evening of last week. After a short business meeting the members joined in playing games. Mrs. Hamilton served light refreshments. An enjoyable time was reported by all.

District Rally for Boy Scouts, Oct. 14

The 1938 Council Rally for the Boy Scouts will be held in the high school gymnasium in Medford Friday, October 14, starting at 7:30. The program is as follows:

Parade and display of colors, 7:15; Pyramid building and signaling; First Aid problems; Exhibition and Demonstration; Cannibal song—Fire by friction; Fire by flint and steel; Disaster mobilization; Charo race; Yell; Closing and Taps.

Dale Smith is Scoutmaster of Troop 40 of this city and will be glad to furnish further information regarding the rally.

HARRICK-MASSY WEDDING CELEBRATED IN MEDFORD

Announcements are out of the marriage of Miss Erma Hamrick to Mr. Henry Earl Massy Thursday, October 6. The happy couple will be at home after November 1st at Warm Springs, Oregon. The wedding occurred at the Methodist parsonage in Medford. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hamrick of this city, who attended the wedding. After the ceremony the party enjoyed a wedding dinner at the Hotel Medford.

The bride wore a brocade brown silk dress with matching accessories. She lived in this city all her life until recent years where she left to become head nurse in a Portland hospital. She has many friends here who wish them all the good things in life.

Pink O'Connor is down with the flu and is with his mother in Phoenix. He has been sick for about a week.

So what? -

All suffering is caused by an obstacle in the path of force. See that you are not your own obstacle.—Elbert Hubbard.

W. A. Shell hanging out a long line of white squares. We thought those days were gone forever.

One lady complimenting the Civic Club on the fact that the ladies all work so well together without one bit of backbiting and all pulling for whatever was voted for. Three cheers for the club!

If you don't wish the wrong kind of a thrill don't glance at Shultz Bros. place of business as you travel past on Bartlett street, Medford. They have two cars so badly wrecked in front of shop that it can not be possible that any one escaped alive out of either, or that the cars could ever be repaired. But ask them about that.

Mr. J. C. Woods doing just as much joking as ever, asking visitors if they ever had any thing to eat at their house and telling them he had their names printed on some big lovely grapes.

Mr. Jim Gregg seen riding with some lady, not his wife, one afternoon this week.

HILARITY RULES AT MEETING OF P.-T. ASSOCIATION

"Cross section of a typical school" a short hilarious farce was ably portrayed by Mr. Gandee's 8th grade students for a P.T.A. audience on October 7. Although the teachers' names were fictitious, such as Dickson Peacherino, Overcoat, head man, Huber, Webber and Mahatma Gandhi were easily recognized. Ena Joyce Milhoan tapped to the tune of "Home Sweet Home" played by Carolyn Lees.

All took part in singing "Little Brown Church in The Dale". A panel discussion on safety by three mothers and two teachers gave all present food for thought.

Professor Jewett stressed the fact of a wide gap between knowledge of safety rules and performance of same, not only for six year olds, but older students and parents who set examples. He said a very real danger exists on the old highway, one reason for this is that everyone thinks of it as abandoned and therefore safe. He asked the co-operation of all parents in meeting and overcoming this situation. It was also brought out that the grade school can safely be cleared of all pupils in thirty-five seconds and the high school in twenty-three seconds.

Two songs, "Our Yesterdays" and "Beautiful Dreamer" sung by Mrs. Arnold Bohnert, accompanied by Mrs. Marshall Simmonds were enjoyed.

The seventh grade had the most mothers present.

A "Dad's Night" is being planned for the November meeting. Hot lunch will be served again this year under the supervision of the executive board with Mrs. Martha Booth employed as cook.

An executive committee meeting will be held Monday evening October 17 at 7:45 at the home of Mrs. Everett Faber, program chairman.

Nine chairmen plan to attend the school of instruction in Medford, Thursday, October 13. Mrs. C. W. Walls, president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, will head the instructors. Jackson county Council of P.T.A. will meet in Ashland on October 19th.

NOTICE

The Past Matrons Club of Nevita Chapter will hold a dessert luncheon at the home of Olive Dean on the old stage road Wednesday October 19 at 1 o'clock. All members are urged to attend and visiting members welcome.

The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Clifton A. Phillips, Minister
Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hover, Supt. Miss Lyle Gregory Primary Supt.
Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. The special music "Trio" Mrs. E. E. Scott, Mrs. Carl Hover and Mrs. Otto Bohnert.
Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M.
Evangelistic Service 7:30 P.M.
The Chorus will sing and the sermon subject is "Onions and Garlics."
Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Devotional Leader Mrs. Ruth Hover, Study Leader Mrs. Scott.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
REV. STANLEY PARRISH
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Bible School 9:45 A.M. Mr. Wm. Kamberg, Supt.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Junior and Senior League 6:30 P.M.

Evening Services 7:30 P.M.
Tuesday afternoon Bible Study and Prayer services 2:30 P.M.
Tuesday evening Sunday School Board will meet at 7:30 P.M.
Tuesday afternoon Bible Class and Prayer Service 2:30 P.M.
Thursday the Ladies' Aid will meet to quilt at 2:00 P.M. Come, all who like to sew.

Mrs. Maude LaFauver was the honor guest at a shower given at the home of Mrs. L. C. Grimes on Wednesday. Desert was served after which the large basket of gifts was presented to the guest. Twenty-five ladies were present.