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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

Election time always brings back to memory some of the exciting elections this county used to have. Take for instance the time we voted on the issuing of \$500,000 bonds to build the first link of the Pacific highway, (which extended from the city limits of this city to the foot of the old Ashland hill and was the first bit of paved highway in the state outside a city). That was a mighty big undertaking for Jackson county to undertake in those days. This was long before such a thing as federal aid for highway building was heard of. Our old friend "Con" Leever was then on the board of county commissioners.

That was also long before radio had been invented and when the election was over and the votes counted the big problem was how to let the folks of the community know what the result was. George Putnam, then editor of the Mail Tribune and one of the most wide-awake newspaper men this county ever had, conceived the idea of securing a supply of Roman candles, sky-rockets and red fire and announcing in the evening paper that if the bonds carried the fireworks would be set off from the roof of the new Holland Hotel, which was then under construction. The actual shooting of the fireworks was left to the writer, who was the amster mechanic and general utility man for the Trib.

Thinking that it would be a good idea to divide the fun, we gave part of the rockets and red fire to our eldest son and a chum early in the afternoon, who climbed Roxy Ann and prepared to start shooting when or if they saw a rocket go up from the city. It so happened that just at that time some prophet of one of the radical religious sects had been prophesying the end of the world was at hand and several of his followers had become quite nervous about it. When the word was flashed that the count showed that the bonds had carried the writer rushed up the four flights of unfinished stairs and up a ladder to the roof of the four story structure and began setting off the rockets, candles, etc.

Then the boys on the mountain took up the fun and the whole top of the mountain soon became one big red glare. The kids had set red flares all around the summit and set them all off at once. Gosh! Some of those poor Sisters just threw themselves on the floor in an ecstasy of prayer for salvation. The "End of the World surely has come!" Instead of the end, that occasion marked the beginning of the present era of paved highways in the state of Oregon. But "Them days are gone forever!"

But to return to our knitting. We hope that this year every man and woman registered under the Republican banner will "vote 'er straight". While our opponents have some mighty good men in the race, we have no reason to be ashamed to vote for every single one of our own folks. Our state and national ticket is exceptionally strong. Holman, Mott, Sprague, Snell, Rice and Gram are a combination hard to beat. Their election will mean that Old Oregon can move steadily onward proud of those who serve her.

And right here at home we find the same situation. We'll admit there have been times it has been somewhat difficult to stick strictly to the GOP without a twinge of conscience. But this year we have no such feeling. Dunn for state senator; McAllister and Newbery for the legislature; Perry for county commissioner; Brockway for sheriff and Coleman for justice of the peace are all men we can support. Just plain common folks like the rest of us who know the needs of this part of the state and who will do their best to solve our problems.

In regard to the candidacy of our genial and efficient city recorder, Guy Tex, we want to say that we are for him, tooth and toenail. When we elect a city recorder we are not concerned about anything except the qualifications and past record of the men running. In Mr. Tex we have a man who has proved his worth for many years in our city. Always courteous (except when pestered by newspaper people), always prompt in attending to city affairs, an ex-

FULL TICKET IS FILED TO FILL CITY OFFICES

Nominating petitions were filed this week for all city officers to be elected at the general election to be held November 8th. These petitions call for the placing on the ballot of the names of candidates for mayor, recorder, treasurer and councilmen, of which there are six to be elected. It is reported that there are several more petitions being circulated but so far the only ones actually filed with the city recorder are those given below:

Mayor—A. E. Powell.
Recorder—Guy Tex.
Treasurer—Edward W. Jones.
Councilmen—Pearl A. Bonney, Fred Hesselgrace, A. J. Milton, Ernest E. Scott, E. P. Stone and Marshall Simmonds.

The American is informed that petitions nominating C. S. Finley for mayor; A. W. Ayers for recorder and A. O. Myers, "Pink" Thomason, and Wayman Warner for councilmen, have been circulated but so far none have been filed. All nominating petitions must be filed not later than five days before the date of the election. It is reported that Mrs. Hildegard Pierce will also be a candidate for city treasurer. (Note: Since writing the above the Ayers petition has been filed.)

The candidates first mentioned above are all pledged to abide by the will of the majority in all city affairs, and all believe that securing of Medford water will be of much value to this city. But at the same time they believe that if the people should decide not to put in that system they should abide by that decision and go on doing the best they can with what we have. In any case it is their firm belief that city officials are the servants, not the masters of the people and should abide by the expressed wishes of the majority at all times.

The other candidates whose petitions have not as yet been filed (with the exception of Mr. Ayers, whose stand on the water question is not known, and Mrs. Pierce, who has expressed herself in favor of the Medford water) are all opponents of the PWA to turn the proposition down, even after the people had voted in favor of securing the water. In fact the leader of that ticket, as a member of the present city council, made a motion at a recent council meeting, which motion was seconded by another of these candidates for re-election, to withdraw the city's application for a PWA loan. This effort to thwart the will of the majority of the legal voters of the city was made AFTER the bond election at which a majority had voted to authorize the issuing of \$18,000 in bonds to build the connecting main to Medford. All this in spite of the fact that if the PWA loan was not granted the city was out the cost of making the application and of holding the bond election, amounting to about \$500. The motion, by the way, was defeated, four to two.

(Editor's Note: We may be accused of "mud-slinging" in making the above statement, but the whole thing is a matter of public record and if there is any "mud" in it we had nothing to do with mixing it.)

Birthday Party for Norma Jean Simmonds

Mrs. Marshall Simmonds entertained twenty little friends for her daughter Norma June Wednesday, the occasion being the latter's eighth birthday.

Guests called at the Simmonds home after school. Games were played after which refreshments were served.

The table was prettily decorated with a color scheme of orange and black and a large birthday cake formed the centerpiece.

Favors consisting of Halloween caps, and whistles were given each guest. After opening the many lovely gifts the guests departed wishing Norma June many more happy birthdays.

pert bookkeeper who knows the importance of keeping the records straight. Guy has made good and should be retained. Let's keep a good man when we have one.

Announcement

To the Citizens of Central Point:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Mayor of the city of Central Point at the General Election to be held November 8. In doing so I wish to make the following statements as to my platform:

First: My position in regard to the proposed securing of water from the city of Medford is too well known to need repetition. If elected Mayor I will do all in my power to bring that water to this city at the lowest possible rates. The legal voters of this city showed by their votes at the recent special election that they desired this water and I firmly believe the wishes of the people as expressed at an election should be respected.

Second: I believe in the right of the people to express their wishes to the city government by petitions properly presented. If elected I shall make it a point that delegations of citizens appearing before the council be received courteously and without slurs or derogatory remarks and any matters so presented be acted upon without delay, regardless of any personal opposition I may feel toward the proposition.

Third: My record as a consistent booster for the city of Central Point is an open book for all to read. Every worthwhile project that has been undertaken in this city since I took over The American seven years ago has had my hearty support. Early and late I have labored to help make this a cleaner, pleasanter town to live in and to attract newcomers to our city. I had the honor of serving on the school board which brought our school through the worst of the depression years and put the district on a cash basis. Both as a member of the board of directors of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and as editor of this paper I have done my best to advertise this city as a desirable place in which to live.

If elected to the office of Mayor I shall continue to do all that I can for the upbuilding of our city. The only promise I make is to give the city a clean, business-like administration, with a Square Deal for every citizen, rich or poor.

Sincerely yours,
ARTHUR EDWARD POWELL.

Rebekahs Entertain Visiting Members

A regular meeting of Mt. Pitt Rebekah Lodge was held at the IOOF Hall on October 19th. Visitors included 29 from Gold Hill, Ashland 23 and Jacksonville 5. At the close of the regular session, Hope Rebekah Lodge of Ashland put on the degree work, initiating two candidates. This was preceded by a brief resume given by Past President Louise Perozzi of Ashland, of early day Oddfellowship before the Rebekah Lodge was organized, it then being a degree in the subordinate lodge when only Brothers were allowed to give the degree to their wives, she also stated that the Odd Fellows Lodge was the first organization in the world to allow women fraternalism.

The entire degree staff was dressed in masculine attire of the early days appropriate make up consisting of mustaches, side burns and goatees were worn by the ladies to represent the Lodge Brothers of 1852. This make up was done by an old Hollywood man, who understand where the goatee would show up to the best advantage and where a mustache was looking etc. This all added greatly to the fun. The candidates were also dressed in early day costume with bonnets and paisley shawls, wearing jewelry to match. At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments of cake, sandwiches, salad and coffee were served by the Gold Hill and Central Point Lodges.

"Dad's Night" Is Planned by P.T.A.

At a P.T.A. executive meeting held on Monday evening October 17 at the Everett Faber home, the date for a Dad's Night meeting was set for Thursday evening November 3, 7:30 P.M. In conjunction with this project a pound party will be held. A list of acceptable articles follows: potatoes, carrots, onions, red or brown beans, canned peas, cocoa, sugar, canned milk, salt, black or chili pepper, crackers, also, I.O.U.s for butter, whole milk, beef and cookies to be given any time.

Come and join this big family party, they are worthwhile. Young fathers, older fathers and grandfathers are all welcome. The 2nd grade mothers will serve pumpkin pie with whipped cream and coffee.

Club Ladies Invited To Eagle Point

The Central Point Civic club has been invited to meet with the ladies of the Eagle Point club Thursday, October 27. Transportation will be furnished for all desiring to attend. Notify Mrs. Minnick before Saturday noon if you are going, as she must notify the Eagle Point club how many will be present.

All ladies desiring to attend this reception are requested to meet at the Library Thursday at 1:00 o'clock so that the club may go in a body.

Turkey Feed Is Enjoyed at Palmer's

Among those attending the big turkey dinner at the Palmer shed Friday from Central Point were Mesdames Bessie Williams, Warner, Jesse Mann, Thompson, Faye Ritzinger and Mary Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Koehler, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kyle, Gerald Morris, Allen Jewett, Pearl Bonney and Mrs. Rose Hermanson, while Mrs. Hermanson doesn't live here anymore we still claim her. The table was nicely laid with a white cloth and decorated with autumn leaves and berries and the place cards were cleverly made out of pears. Mrs. Sadie Koshler was presented with a toast master by the workers. All voted that Palmer's was a fine place to work. Mr. Elmer Kyle made a speech, telling them how the success of a packing house depended largely on the sorters.

"Golden Link" Class Holds Party Friday

About 23 members attended the Golden Link class party at the E. E. Scott home last Friday afternoon. This number include Billy and Ann Gregory and Dan Phillips. Mrs. Erma Hedgpeth and Mrs. Martha Booth had charge of the entertainment.

They played "Who's who?" Names of various people in the limelight were pinned on the back of each member present and each was to guess who he was by asking questions of the other members that could be answered by yes or no. The class decided to sponsor a radio broadcast Thursday morning. Mrs. Scott, assisted by Mrs. Hedgpeth and Mrs. Spencer, served delicious refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pumpkin pies and whipped cream and coffee or tea.

Mrs. Territt Enjoys Trip to Shasta Dam

Mrs. Territt returned from her trip to Redding with her daughter-in-law and reports a wonderful time. She says she never saw so many men working in her life. They went to see the Shasta dam being built. There were trailer houses both big and little. Hotels, dance halls and all kinds of dwellings are there. There are 700 men at work now and when the project is running full blast there will be 7000 men at work and it will take 7 years to complete this dam.

Mrs. Chomel did not trade her California property for Medford. It was true that she was looking at some Medford property and our well founded rumor turned out to be only a rumor. Mrs. Chomel and Miss Messing and their little pet dog Follette and big fluffy cat Ryp left this morning for their California home. The best wishes of the community go with them. It is hoped that Follette and Ryp do their part in helping them feel at home in their location.

LUNCHEON

Don't forget the Civic club luncheon Saturday October 29, starting at 11:30 A.M. This is not only a fine lunch for 25 cents but a jolly social occasion as well. It is really the only get-together meeting held in Central Point and it is quite the thing to do. A complete menu will be published next week but you all know what ever the menu is it will be a fine luncheon.

Silver Wedding Celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Jones

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Jones celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary with a dinner given in their honor by their daughters Mrs. Middleton and Mrs. Yost at the Yost home.

The table was beautifully decorated with silver trimmings and a lovely cake which was in turn decorated with a bride and groom set. A corsage of single chrysanthemum was presented to the bride and a boutonniere of white carnation to the groom.

Those present were the honored guests Mr. and Mrs. Jones and son Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Middleton and son Theron, Mr. and Mrs. Chat Elde, Don Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Yost and son Richard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones were the recipients of many lovely gifts including six spoons given them by the Women's Relief Corp. The Jones also received greetings from the Friendly Circle and many nice cards. Two of the guests, Mrs. Elde and Mr. Stanley, were present at the Jones wedding 25 years ago.

Mrs. E. J. Stillwell of Medford accompanied by Master Dickie Yost were callers at the George Marine home Monday afternoon.

Jack Tharp and little son Vestal went hunting this morning and shot two pheasants and a quack-quack. Vestal says.

So what? -

WALK, DON'T RUN!
Great results cannot be achieved at once; and we must be satisfied to advance in life as we walk, step by step.—Coleridge.

Some Central Point people would like to know what Gordon Hare did with the fish he caught Sunday.

Mrs. Webb correcting some of her pupils, who called her Miss Anderson, and a little later correcting a boy for saying yab, saying "you should say, Yes, Miss Anderson."

Brownie Ross couldn't decide whether the pheasants or his shots were too wild as an alibi for not bringing home any birds on a recent hunting trip.

Embarrassing moments.—Edward Jones being invited to his daughter Mrs. Yost's home, for supper and not taking time to shave, on arriving finding it was a big dinner party celebrating his silver wedding anniversary.

Mr. Paudois of the Willow Springs district, while hunting, heard a noise. Thinking his dog must of followed him and after quite a distance turned and saw a big buck tagging along. He was so surprised that before he could get turned and get his gun ready, the buck was too far away. Later on this same trip he got his deer.

Mrs. Alfred Middleton of Grants Pass and Mrs. Roger Yost acting very mysterious for the past week, telling all their friends, not to tell mother that Mrs. Middleton was in town.

Mrs. Gandee, worrying for fear she might step or rock on a cunning little green tree frog that come into her home on a plant and seems to feel perfectly at home.

All those who like big hamburgers, see Mrs. Glass. Hers are so big you can't get them in your mouth.

Two Civic Clubs Meet

Central Point
Eagle Point
See The Point
Civic Duty Makes Civic Beauty.
FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK
Lends Money for Civic Improvement.

SPRAGUE URGES MORE HELP FOR OREGON AGED

PORTLAND, Oct. 17—Public assistance must be continued so long as there is need, "administered with understanding so that we can save to men and women that most precious possession, their self-respect and self-reliance," Charles A. Sprague, republican candidate for governor, told a radio audience Monday night.

Taking for his topic "Human Values", the republican nominee discussed at length the need of relief, the necessity of larger old-age pensions, dwelt on the need of brighter opportunity for youth and then closed with a plea that while others are feverishly preparing for war, Oregon should prepare for peace, "prepare to build up the prosperity and standards of citizenship in our state so that we may more fully and more successfully enjoy the opportunities that lie within our grasp."

Declaring "I am not going to make promises of pensions in fantastic amounts in the hope of catching votes", Mr. Sprague asserted, "I am not a member of a Townsend club but I pay tribute to Dr. Townsend, as one who has done more than any other citizen to educate you and me to our obligation to the aged."

Calling attention to the fact that an interim committee in Oregon is studying the pension problem, Mr. Sprague said, "I do not know what the committee will recommend but I would want to cooperate with pension-friendly people in the solution of this problem."

Alexander's Swing Band Coming Sat.

Alexander's Swing Band, an outstanding aggregation of musicians, has been booked for appearance at the Oriental Gardens, according to an announcement Tuesday by "Dad" Dyng, manager of that popular Medford ballroom. Saturday, October 22, is the date set for the initial appearance of this swing band which features Alexander and his famous trumpet.

Alexander's band will appear in the large ballroom of the Oriental Gardens Saturday night while Dad Dyng's orchestra will entertain its regular followers in the smaller ballroom.

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. "Wonderful Words of Jesus" by Chorus.

Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M. Senior Leader, Lorain Wright, Junior Leader Mary Hodapp.
Evangelistic Service 7:30 P. M. Sermon subject "Seven Things That Jesus Christ Still Gives To A Needy World".

Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Devotional Leader, Mrs. Mary Coker. Study Leader Mrs. Lettie Gregory.
Always Welcome! Always Wanted!

THE FEDERATED CHURCH

REV. STANLEY PARRISH
(Supply Pastor)
Phone 51
Bible School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
Junior and Senior Leagues 6:30 P.M.
Evening Services 7:00 P.M.
Tuesday afternoon Bible class and prayer service 2:30 P.M.
Wednesday evening prayer hour for young and old. 8:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The sermon topic for Sunday morning service will be "Natural Law and Revelation". Sunday evening evangelistic service will be featured by singing, choruses, special music, and sermon based on the "Book of the Revelation".
Thursday afternoon the Missionary society will meet at the home of Mrs. L. C. Grimes.