### Memories

By the Editor

Every once in a while some one drops in and brings us tales of some place we lived in the long ago. Yesterday such a man brought to mind once more the time we lived in the Black Hills and rode the ranges, drove freight team, helped to break brones, carried the mail on horse back through the mountains, and did a few hundred more things to keep the pot boiling. Our visitor had done the same thing, in the same country, only he antedated us by several years.

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But the visit reminded us of the trip the writer and his new wife made as a sort of a honeymoon trip, which took us all the way from Wyoming to Minnesota in a covered wagon. Our route was over the old effectively around the sides of the Deadwood Trail from Fort Meade to Pierre, across miles and miles of what had been Indian country just a short time before and which we had a feeling should have never been with tall red tapers in crystal taken from them. As one old-timer told us, "this country is good for just two things-cattle and Indians -a few cattle and lots of Indians."

Of course, having been raised in a pioneer family and having heard tales of such travel all our lives we knew something of what to expect, which helped some. For instance, we loaded in a big chunk of a pitch root when we left the hills, and many a time thanked our lucky stars for that forethought, when we had to start our cooking fire of "buffalo chips" out on that treeless plain, where the wind sure had a chance to really blow. Also, had learned a bit about cooking over open-air fires and how hard it is to even make water boil over an open fire in such country.

So we had provided ourselves with a sheet of reinforced iron with a short 3-inch pipe attached. By digging a trench in the ground and placing that sheet of iron over it and adding a couple of lengths of pipe, we had a stove right down on the ground. Then we turned up the spring seat from the wagon on the windward side, and we had a real range on which we could cook with smoke, either.

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Our bread was baked in a "Dutch Oven" or bake kettle, such as our were all the stoves they had. But places. while on the prairie we didn't try for such a purpose. However, when tribution from this group. we came to the ford across the Meanwhile we dragged up some dead cottonwood logs picked up along the river and enjoyed a baking bee." The wife mixed up great batches of baking powder biscuit while the writer got the fire going. We dug a hole and built a huge fire in it to get coals for the baking. Then we dug a smaller hole, filled it with coals, set the bake kettle in them, put in a pan of biscuit, put on the lid and covered the whole thing with more coals. . . .

Hot work! But those biscuit were sure delicious and were all we had in the way of bread for the next 200 miles. In fact, we have a faint recollection of having some of them kicking around the house for some time after we arrived at the old home in Minnesota. It quite a while before we could look a cold biscuit in the face.

Many were the interesting experiences we enjoyed (?) on that long trip. Take the day it sprinkled and how we noticed the horses seemed to be having quite a time dragging the old wagon along. vestigation showed that that darned gumbo was sticking to the wagon tires just enough to bind the brake blocks. Then the evening we arrived at Fort Pierre and drove onto the ferry boat, only to discover after the boat had started that we had lost a whole mess of things out of the back of the wagon (the end gate having come loose and dropped out), including that wonderful camp stove, sack of feed, picket ropes, etc. And it was Saturday night and the last trip for the ferry until Monday!

to find hay for the horses and kept them tied to the wagon. Cooked Rollie Freeman, Ashland. supper and breakfast over an open fire. Then hunted up a skiff and rowed across the old Missouri (that June raise had just got that far, too, and the river was nearly two miles James; Junior Vice Commander, But our luck was with us. for some wool wagons had followed Mary Wycoff: Treasurer, Bertha us into town the night before and Neff; State Executive Woman, Robthe drivers had picked up every erta Wolfe; Alternate State Execudarned thing. All we lost was a box tive Woman, Berenice Stammen; of axle grease.

One of the worst things we experienced was the entire lack of green things to eat. And what joy find that his gardening skill bad not ceremonies a luncheon will we're getting hungry.

# EASTERN STAR NATAL PARTY IS

A very unique birthday party is that which is given each year by Nevita Chapter No. 93 O.E.S. Central Point. The chapter membership is divided into four groups according to the months of the year in which their birthdays' fall. Each of these groups decorates a table in the dining room representative of their season, provides a birthday cake and a part of the program.

The January, February, group, winners of this year's competition used the St. Valentine mo-Garlands of hearts were used table over a snow-white cloth. white birthday cake decorated with tiny red candles, baked by Mrs. Edward C. Faber, centered the table ing Tuesday evening April 4. candlelabra on either side. On the extreme ends were lovely bouquets of white spirea and Japanese Quince in crystal bowls. Standing hearts marked places for each member, white lace doilies were used as red crepe paper fastened to the edge of the table framed it giving the ef-fect of a hug valentine. Mrs. Ed Vincent, Junior Past Matron and originator of the birthday party headed the winners, assisted by Mrs. Rose Bishop and Mrs. Lillie Holt Mrs. Victor Bursell was responsible for the program for this group. A short skit was presented entitled: 'The Question", with Mrs. Bishop as an anxious maid and Mr. Merritt Swing, the bashful boy-friend This group celebrated the natal day of two of its members, Mrs. Vinnie Cook and Velma McCredie.

The April, May, June table was decorated by Mrs. Della Tex and Mrs. Bertha Bonney. blems were beautifully carried out about a foot wide and two feet long in detail. A large white cake with the emblematic star frosted thereon and placed upon a very large plate glass mirror centered the table. The rays of the star on the cake were represented as extending to the edge of the mirror where lighted tapers in matching colors in crystal holders were surrounded by excited arrangements of ribbonzene in same colors as the star rays. White tapers and yellow and white flowers were used at the ends of the table grandmothers used when fireplaces and silver upright stars marked the A new version of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" to bake, as we had no proper fuel amusingly given as the program con-

Mrs. Ellis Clark and Mrs. Merritt Cheyenne we found the "June raise" Swing were responsible for the typihad arrived and were forced to wait cal summer birthday represented by several days before the crossing was the July, August, September group. second place winners. table flanked with lovely arrangements of pear and plum blossoms blended with the delicately tinted, hand painted place cards of Arizona scenes made by Mrs. Oma Landers. Pink dishes enhanced the summer beauty of this table. Mrs. Marjorle Pena had charge of the program and enlisted the help of everyone in celebrating by acting out "The King with the Terrible Temper."

On approaching the far corner of port a lovely time. the dining room one was immediateimpressed with the glories of Thanksgiving, The October, November, December people, winners of last year's competition, had the following committee; Mrs. Carl Bennett, Mrs. Walt Massie, Mrs. Montella Freeland, Mrs. Paul Anderson and Mrs. Marie Stone. Artififcial autumn leaves used on the ledges made a very appropriate back-(Continued on Page Four)

#### DAV to Install New Officers April 15

Jackson Co. Chapter No. 8 of the Disabled American eVterans of the World War will hold a public in- attended. Mrs. Hansen assisted stallation of officers in the Armory Mrs. Kilburn in serving the refreshon April 15 at 8:00 P.M. The ladies Auxiliary will also hold their installation at the same time. The new officers for 1939 are as follows: Commander, Carold J. Parker. Medford; Senior Vice Commander, Luther Tingley, Medford; Junior Arriving in Pierre, we managed Central Point; Treasurer, Brown, Cassman, Central Point; Chaplain.

Officers to be installed by Auxiliary are as follows: Commander, Louise Hickman; Senior Vice Commander, Lavina Charlotte Drummond; Chaplain, Executive Woman, Nettle Nagle and Angle Schuler.

State Commander Tom Kerrigan and State Adjutant Lyle Dailey will be present and assist in the installa-It was to reach Dad's old farm and tion ceremonies. Following the

descried him. And crowning joy of served by the ladies of the Auxiliary. that fifrst meal was a peck bowl of Members of the United Spanish that fifrst meal was a peck bowl of strawberries with quarts of real War Veterans, G.A.R. and World Jersey cream! Gosh! Better quit, War veterans are invited and a large attendance is hoped for.

#### List of Coming Events to Be Regular Feature

Last week we were told that some one had said that nothing took place in Central Point so we have decided to start a weekly calendar of events that are to take place here from Friday till the following Thursday night. Every organization is requested to have their announcements in as early as possible. Then keep your paper handy until you receive a new one. This being new we have only a few events but next week we expect a full calendar. COMING EVENTS

at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday April 5.

Annual meeting and supper Brick Church Friday April 7 6:30 o'clock.

W.R.C. regular meeting Saturday afternoon April 8

Modern Woodmen will hold their ocial evening after business meet-

Executive Committee of P.T.A. will meet with Mrs. H. C. Williamson Tuesday April 4 at 2:00 o'clock.

Church night, at the Christian while large red circles covered with Church Tuesday evening April 4. when the men were to have charge ful performance of the Hindu house plate mats. An edging of fluted of supper and program has been postponed on account of Easter.

> Central Point Sportsmen Club will meet in business session at the W.R.C. hall on Thursday, April 6 at 8:00 o'clock.

#### Thumlers Driving New Packard Car

Mr. B. F. Thumler and family are driving a brand new 4-door Packard 8 Sedan, bought through Emil Lange of the Perry Ashcraft garage.

When we saw the car it was undergoing a thorough job of simonizing given by Emil Lange, who un? derstands simonizing from the ground up as he was whole sale dealer for the Simonize company at Mrs. Thumler requested that he do the job.

Mr. Thumler is an outstanding businessman of Central Point, havago and going into business for himself. He has made his place among the business people of the community by his enterprise and straight forward dealing. He looked over a number of cars before deciding on the Packard.

#### Friends Gather to Honor Mrs. Gregory out the solution of the play.

day cake bearing the inscription birthday. It was a complete surprise "Happy Birthday", made by Mrs. as the plans had been kept secret. Clark, was beautifully decorated in Those seated at the tables were Mespink and yellow and held tiny yel- dames Lois Richardson, Martha dames Lois Richardson, Martha low candles. Yellow tapers on the Booth, Bertha Bursell, Etta Lacy, ing in league with the tiger cult. Bertha Tetherow, Mary Gonderman, Violet Spencer, Dora Jones, Gebhard, Emma Houston, Ethel Davis, Alice Wiley, Mary Catey and the honor guest, Lettle Gregory. Buns. beautiful birthday cake and coffee

> Mrs. Gregory received many nice gifts and greeting cards. All re-

#### Birthday Party For Miss Kilburn

with a birthday party honoring the 17th birthday of her daughter. Muriel. Forty two friends gathered at the Kilburn home last Thurs-day evening to extend congratulations and best wishes. It was a jolly group and not one minute was lost. Games were played, music by Doyle and Cecil Lacy and Dale Barbush and Art Mohler; Mandolin and violin being played and the Lacy boys singing. Mr. Harrison, who is science teacher at the high school, ments which consisted of potato salad, asndwiches, a big birthday angel food cake and punch. Al! had | evening.

Mrs. P. A. Tracy and Mrs. John Bohnert and little daughter, Marlyn and Doreen motored to Grants Pass recently and picked up Mrs. Willisms and little son Marty and they spent the day at Winona, their old Williamson at her home on Beall picnic grounds. and the grounds lovely.

### Senior Play Enjoyed by Big Crowd

Playing to a capacity house the east of "Tiger House" treated the the words of commendation heard on every side last Friday evening.

Judging by the way those in attendance sat on the edges of their make it atrtactive for young child-Civic Club will meet at Library chairs, held their breath, and broke into laughter and applause, the seniors and their coach, Mrs. Ross. can justly be proud of their pro- park for certain hours one day duction of the three act mystery

> The play was well cast, Letha Hes- Annual Meeting selgrave as Erma Lowrie gave a convincing performance of the young shop girl who had inherited the estate of an eccentric aunt, whose sinister picture hanging over the mantel and occasionally l'ghted with green eyes, seemed to dominate the whole play.

Bob Palmer as Yami gave a faithservant, bending over the crystal ball, peering into its depths, and reading its message in such a way hypnosis. He constantly dominated the play even when not on the stage.

Off-setting the mystery and trasedy of the play were three comedy roles. Margaret Dow acted very effectively the role of a middle aged, superstitious aunt, and sent the audience into gales of laughter by continually losing her false teeth.

Howard Long as Oswald Kerins, the tousled-headed, bespectacled, absent-minded entomologist was sure of a laugh at h's every appearance.

Norma Jean Wertz as the hardboiled slangy modern girl in her role of Peggy Van Ess added further to the humor, which lightened the seriousness of the play.

Barbara Fleischer, by her fearful ing moved here a number of years frantic manner, effected well the part of The Mystery Woman, in the first act complicating the plot by making a dramatic entrance, gagged and mud be-smattered, and a tragic exit in the claws of the tiger; and in the last act blood-stained, bound. and brought forth from a large chest, where she had been imprisoned, assisting materially in working

The birth- Lettie Gregory home to honor her jous Scotch woman, who was at all have in the past and will be glad to times mysterious, acting and speak- meet their old patrons as well as ing from some hidden notive. Many in the audience suspected her of be-

Bob Hoagland as Arthur Hale surprised many in turning out to be the villain of the play-for he was in love with Erma and was apparently bread, fruit jello, fruit salad with trying to help her. His part in the whipped cream, ice cream and a last act as the jewel-mad fiend received special commendation by

Durwood Porter as MacIntosh, in love with Erma, scoffed at the supernatural happenings in the house, and was successful in capturing the tiger taking advantage of the drive-in man and saving the day.

Ernest Pinkham as Thompson was a sinister character, rough and un-Mrs. Henry Kilburn entertained couth. He was rewarded for his part as the tiger man's assistant by being left bound in the big chest in people may enjoy picnic lunches the last act to be taken in custody outside in the open. The Coffee by the forces of the law.

Behind the scenes, and a very er and chairs, all matching, the busy man indeed, was Leonard Cop- color scheme of blue and white, inger, in charge of the stage, the making the Coffee Pot a place that Primary Supt. lighting and sound effects. No small amount of credit is due him for the way he managed the stage. -Central Pointer.

About 400 attended the Grange plays given for the benefit of the London delegate fund last Monday The plays were given by the Central Point and Roxy Ann policeman helps him across a busy

SPECIAL NOTICE ommittee will meet on Tuesday April 4 at 2 o'clock with Mrs. H. C. The day was fine Lane. All members are urged to at-

#### ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY SET

With the coming of Spring comes the necessity of cleaning away the winter's accumulation of rubbish from about our homes. Foilowing our regular custom, I hereby designate Wednesday, April 5, as Clean-up Day, on which day the city truck will collect such rubbish free of charge.

All rubbish should be boxed or sacked and placed on the curb so the truck can load it readily. No garbage or unsanitary matter

I wish further to call attention to the fact that no permit is required for burning rubbish at this time. However, care should be taken not to set fires near buildings or wood piles. I urge all citizens to clean up their premises, burn all that will burn, and box or sack the rest to be hauled to the city dumping ground. Your for a clean city,

A. E. POWELL, Mayor

### Civic Club to Hold Meeting Wednesday SPRAGUE TELLS

The Civic Club will meet at the

Library Wednesday afternoon. Everyone is invited to be present. Mr. Everett Faber has consented to bring a message at this time. The club is growing in membership and is working for all civic improvements. While now there is no emergency like there was when Central audience to one of the best dramatic Point was threatened with the loss performances in years, according to of her library or with the need of the words of commendation heard on street signs, still there is pleaty to do. The club is talking of a play ground in the park. Sand pile. swings and a few simple things to ren. Why don't the young mothers come out. They might even work out some plan where they could take turns supervising play in the week or some other plan.

### At Brick Church

Annual meeting Friday at the Brick Church. All members and friends invited. A covered dish supper will be served at 6:30 P.M.

#### Easterners Leave For Home Today

Mr. and Mrs. Harbeson, accompanied by Mr. Harbeson's mother left this morning Mrs. Dickson, before eight o'clock for their home as to give a weird effect almost of in Elsie, Nebraska. They will travel the southern route stopping for a short visit with Mrs. Dickson's son and daughter in Los Angeles, and to visit a sister in Phoenix, Arizona Mr. and Mrs. Harbeson have been visiting at the Dickson home for about 18 days. Mr. Harbeson has a 1000 acre farm at Elsie and while he had a large acreage planted to winter wheat, he was anxious to re turn and look after his corn planting and various crops requiring his attention. He has two tractors that he uses in his work. Mr. Dickson told his wife to stay until harvest and regain her health if possible.

#### City Cleaners to Have New Quarters or of Commerce.

The City Cleaners and Dyers Co will open Monday in their new home at 324 West 6th St. The City Cleaners are so well established in Medford that they need no further introduction, having been in busi ness in Medford for 20 years. Their new home has been remodeled and newly painted by Roy Walker and is beautiful in shades of buff and cream. The establishment has more rooms and better lighting and are installing new and more modern new ones in their new plant.

#### Coffee Pot Is Well Patronized

In the spring of 1937 Carl Wiltermood built and opened up the Coffee Pot on North Riverside, Medford. With the many cafes, turants, lunch counters and fountain services in and around Medford it was wondered if he could make a go of it. It was soon to be seen that he was making a success of it. More and more cars were seen parked around the grounds service. With the opening up of the Coffee Pot for the coming season it has shown that it has become an established concern. Not only featuring their drive-in service they have Pot has been entirely remodeled in-New Veneian blinds, count side. is very attractive.

## FIRST GRADE

Wednesday, March, 29 We got a letter from Tommy. He goes to school in a big city now. A street. He said he would like to fixion. visit us sometime.

Keith has a little white rabbit. Central Point P.T.A. executive His father brought it home in his lunch box. It is very small. Keith high school auditorium Monday the named him Snowball. He will eat 3rd at 8:00 P.M. See notice elsefrom Keith's hand. Snowball will be an Easter Rabbit.

Johnny went fishing. He caught six catfish.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Burk and daughter of Medford were guests at the W. A. Schell home recently.

#### The American

Has created a picture of condi-tions under which The Old Timers

Let us be thankful for our present modern conditions, And aid all organizations working

for the good of The Community. FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK (Deposits Insured)

At a forum dinner given in his honor by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce in the Medford Hotel Friday evening, Governor Charles A. Sprague brought a message of good cheer to the people of Southern Oregon. He said the time had come to stop marking time and to go forward in good spirit.

In his opening remarks, the governor said that he had recently been initiated into the Cavemen at Grants Pass and that he knew now where these wild men secured the skins which formed their clothing. He claimed that judging from the big bill recently presented to the legislature from this county for bounty on wild beasts killed here, there was no longer any doubt in his mind that the said Cavemen got their skins from Jackson County,

Governor Sprague stated that his policy would be to select men for all positions to be filled in the state on a basis of qualification, not party All things being equal, he said, he would of course select men from his own party, but that efficiency must come first. He stated that he believed that the best chance for the Republican party was to give so efficient an administration that the people would want like it.

Regarding the recent session of the legislature, the governor said that as a whole he was satisfied with the work accomplished. One thing of which he was proud the fact that the budget had been kept in balance, with appropriations being kept within the expected in-And this without increasing come. the tax load.

Friday noon Governor Sprague as the guest of the Jackson County Republican club at luncheon at the Hotel Medford In the afternoon he and Mrs. Sprague were taken for a drive about the valley by Thorndike, president of the Chamb-

#### 3-in-1 Birthday Dinner Is Served

Mrs. E. E. Scott entertained Monday noon with a three-in-one birth-day dinner honoring her father's, Mr. L. Swartz, her husband Mr. Scott's and Mrs. Buckman's birthdays, which all came within a few days of each other. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Buckman and equipment. The proprietors Lee and house guest Mrs. Rowen, Mr. the solution of the play.

J. V. Watkins will give the same Swartz, (Mrs. Swartz's dinner was Evelyn Stanley, as Mrs. Murdock, efficient workmanship and care to carried to her,) Mr. Scott and the Evelyn Stanley, as Mrs. Murdock, efficient workmanship and care carried to her,) Mr. Scott and the A group of friends gathered at the acted the part of a grim, superstit- all work handled by them as they hostess Mrs. Scott. A big bridday cake with three-in-one decorations was the center of attraction.

#### Flahertys Visit Mrs. Sarah Halliday

Mr. and Mrs. Flaharty visited Mrs. Sarah Halliday in Ashland Wednesday. Mrs. Halliday will be 90 years old April 6. She would appreciate receiving cards from her friends. Her address is 348 Main street, Ashland. Mr. Flaharty says that if weather is nice they hope to have her with them Easter and will take her to Rogue River to visit friends. Mrs. Halliday is real active, both in mind and body for her age and able to read. Flaharty knew her back in Missouri when he was 9 years old.

### The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Clifton A. Phillips, Minister Bible School 10:00 A.M. Roland Hover, Supt. Miss Lyle Gregory,

Communion and Preaching 11:00 A.M. Subject "His Blood, His Gethsemane." Mrs. Virginia Boh-nert and Mrs. Ruth Hover will bring the special music.

Christian Endeavor 7:30 P.M. Evangelistic Service 8:00 P.M. Mrs. Frances Houston and Scott Darby will sing and Mr. Phillips will describe and harmonize all the records of the Trials and the Cruci-

We will cooperate with the Federated Church in the great singing service which will be held in the where in this issue of the American

and do not fail to come! Prayer and Bible Study followed with Easter Preparation Music. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Emma Houston, Devotional Leader,

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Stanley G. Parish, Pastor. Bible School-9:45 a. m. Morning Worship-11:00 a. m. Christian Endeavor-6:30 p. m. Evening Service-7:30 p. m. Ladies' Bible Class-Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.

Prayer Meeting-Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Choir Practice - Wednesday at

8:30 p. m.