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Musings

By the Editor

THREE GATES

If you are tempted to reveal
A tale to you some one has told
About another, make it pass,
Before you speak, three gates of
gold,
These narrow gates: First, "Is it
true?"
Then, "Is it needful?" And the
next
Is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"
And if to reach your lips at last
It passes through these gateways
three,
Then you may tell the tale, nor
fear
What the result of speech may be.
—Arabian.

The events in this town during
the past month or two bring home
to our minds the truth of the above
little verse. More unnecessary
heartaches; more sorrow and more
pain has come to innocent people
than was anyways justified by the
facts by the untruthful, unneeding
and unkind stories which have
passed from mouth to mouth recently.
It is true a once loved and respected
business man of our town
has fallen by the wayside. A jury
of his peers has found him guilty of
practices unworthy of true manhood.
But in spite of all that, shall half a
lifetime of spotless reputation; of
civic endeavor; of charity for all,
count as nothing?

But in all this unpleasantness
there is a lesson we hope will be
taken to heart by every man and
boy, every woman and girl in our
community. As that beloved poet of
the home, Guest, so truthfully said:
You ought to be fine for the sake
of the folks

Who think you are fine.
If others have faith in you doubly
you're bound
To stick to the line.
It's not only on you that dishonor
descends;

You can't hurt yourself without
hurting your friends.

You ought to be true for the sake
of the folks

Who believe you are true.
You should never stoop to a deed
that your friends

Think you wouldn't do.
If you're false to yourself, be the
blemish but small.

You have injured your friends;
you've been false to them
all.

For friendship, my boy, is a bond
between men

That is founded on truth;
It believes in the best in the ones
that it loves.

Whether old man or youth;
And the stern rule it lays down for
me and for you

Is to be what our friends think we
are, through and through.

And to the young men who were
involved in the recent unpleasant-
ness we want to say that the facts
disclosed in the court room were
far from creditable to them all.
While youth may be pleaded as an
excuse for many things, these boys
were surely old enough to know
better. By their careless indulgence
and thoughtless yielding to tempta-
tion they have had a hand in bring-
ing sorrow into innocent lives. They
have injured people who have ever
been good to them. Let us hope
the lesson will be well learned and
they will never again be guilty of
such disgrace.

And to the man who is soon to
begin the payment for his crime we
want to say that we hope the time
will soon come when you can again
return to your loved one—a man
who has learned well his lesson;
who has paid the price and who is
once more prepared to face the
world in honor.

Chas. E. Walker, wife and grand-
children of Seattle, where he is
operating a candy factory specializ-
ing in high grade chocolates, made
a stop in Central Point yesterday to
inquire for former acquaintances
and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Walker
were newly-weds and lived near the
water tank 29 years ago. Mr. Walker
was a member of the choir at the
Church of Christ, where Rev. Sicka-
foos was pastor. The Walkers were
enroute to the Exposition.

Mrs. Robert Moore and daughter
Maxine have left to join Mrs.
Moore's husband in Klamath Falls.

COUNCIL SELLS ATHLETIC FIELD TO SCHOOL DIST.

At the regular monthly meeting
of the city council Monday night the
matter of the closing of the portion
of South Fifth street extending
south from Cedar street and also an
alley extending from this portion of
Fifth street to Fourth street, was
taken up. A public hearing had been
called on this matter for this
meeting, but no one appeared. The
council therefore proceeded to pass
an ordinance vacating this street
and alley.

The council then took up the mat-
ter of selling the vacant land lying
east of the high school to the school
district for an athletic field. Some
time ago Mayor Powell had taken
this matter up with the school
board and an agreement as to price
and terms had been reached. The
council voted unanimously to au-
thorize the mayor and recorder to
draw up a deed of the property and
present the same to the school
board. The school board had agreed
to pay the city the nominal price of
\$25.00 for the land, together with
all legal costs connected with the
transfer, a total of \$36.50.

Tuesday evening Mayor Powell
delivered the completed deed to the
school board at its regular meeting
and received a warrant for full pay-
ment as agreed. This is brought to
a pleasant close a matter which
has been hanging fire for several
years. The Central Point school
now has a tract of land of sufficient
size for a fine athletic field. The
land can easily be drained and
leveled and a fence erected if de-
sired. Also a grandstand. The land
is of almost no value to the city
as the soil is very poor, with hard-
pan near the surface, making it al-
most unsuitable for residential pur-
poses.

The council also authorized the
purchase from the city of Medford
of whatever 6-inch cast iron pipe
may be necessary to complete the
repair of the water main on Fourth
street, which has been found to be
in bad condition.

Home Artists Will Give Circus Here

Patronize your home enterprises
first. A Circus is coming to town
Monday, June 12, at the corner of
6th and Oak streets. All the usual
circus attractions will be present—
side shows, and all the different
ways to spend money, so bring a fat
pocketbook.

There will be no attraction cost-
ing more than a penny. Posters are
out on the various telephone poles
and also on Pearl's blacksmith shop
telling more about this wonderful
untold show.

For further information see Dor-
othy, Anna, Ruth, Beverly, Pat, Grace
or Charlotte. Performance will be
at 1 o'clock. You will be sur-
prised at the local talent and we
promise you that you will get your
money's worth.

New Eye Specialist Moves to Medford

A newcomer to Medford profes-
sional circles is Dr. Frank A. Free-
burger, optometric eye specialist, of
Portland, who arrived recently with
his wife and little daughter Patricia
to make their home there. Dr. Free-
burger is a graduate of Northern
Pacific College of Optometry and
has been in practice in Portland for
11 years. He was also instructor in
the college at one time. Dr. Free-
burger has retained his office in
Portland which he has left in charge
of a competent optometrist. His
office is at 213 E. Main, Medford, where
he has the most fully equipped office
in southern Oregon. Dr. Freeburger
will not only be an addition to the
professional circle but he and
his wife will also be active in social
and civic affairs.

Graduates!

Now that graduation is over
Why not get busy
and help the elders build up
and beautify
Central Point?

FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS
BANK
(Deposits Insured)

Young Couple Buy Store Here Once Owned by Jones

The grocery store next door to
the postoffice, formerly owned and
operated by Roy F. Jones, was this
week purchased by William Ask-
with and wife of Prospect, who took
possession Monday morning.

Mr. Askwith has been manager of
the Grieves' store and resort at Pros-
pect and his wife was deputy post-
master at that place. Mrs. Askwith
is well known here as the former
Miss Geraldine Tex, daughter of our
genial city recorder, "Jerry", as
she is known to her many friends,
was born and raised in Central
Point, where she graduated from
high school several years ago and
where she was active in church and
social circles.

The new firm, "Bill and Jerry",
as they are familiarly known, state
that they intend to remodel the
store as soon as possible. Both are
now very busy going back and forth
between here and Prospect, closing
up their affairs there, besides keep-
ing the local store open daily. Mrs.
Peggy Palmer, who has been assist-
ing in the store for several weeks,
will remain for the present. The

new store will be called the Central
Point Market.

Mr. Askwith has had a number of
years' experience in the grocery
business before coming here and
states that he hopes to build up a
good business here. Both he and his
wife have many friends in this city
who will welcome them to our busi-
ness circle. Their slogan will be,
"prompt, courteous service, good
merchandise at fair prices."

The sale was made through Guy
Tex, who assisted in closing the
deal, which consisted of purchase of
the stock on hand and the leasing of
the building and fixtures. Mr. Tex
states that he will have no personal
connection with the new firm, mere-
ly assisting them in the purchase of
the business. Mr. and Mrs. Askwith
will stay at the Tex home until they
can find a house to suit them. They
plan to buy a home here as soon as
possible and to become permanent
residents.

The American joins their many
friends in extending a welcome to
the new firm and hopes for their
success here.

Civic Club to Sponsor League For Young Boys

At their regular meeting Wednes-
day afternoon the Civic Club voted
to sponsor a softball league for
boys from 8 to 14 years of age. The
club will furnish balls, bats and
other equipment provided such a
league can be formed. It is be-
lieved that such a league will be of
much benefit for the smaller boys
of this city as it will provide clean,
innocent sport to occupy their time
during vacation.

The plan is to organize at least
four teams (or more if there are
enough boys turn out) and arrange
a schedule of games between the
different teams during the summer.
It is hoped that prizes can be
offered by the merchants or others
interested for the winning teams at
the end of the season.

A meeting of all boys from 8 to
14 has been called at the school
grounds for Monday evening at 5:00
o'clock, at which time tryouts for
the teams will be given. Parents of
boys of proper age who wish to see
their boys interested in clean sports
are urged to have them turn out at
that time. All playing will be under
proper supervision so that there will
be no danger of any of the boys
getting hurt.

LOCALS

Miss Georgia Lindley is attend-
ing Summer Bible School in Med-
ford.

Mrs. James Cornutt underwent a
major operation in a Portland hos-
pital last week. Mr. Cornutt re-
turned to Portland Sunday to be
with her.

Mr. and Mrs. William Askwith,
who recently purchased the Jones
grocery, will make their home with
Mrs. Askwith's parents, City Re-
corder and Mrs. Guy Tex for a short
time.

New comers in Central Point are
J. E. Cooper and family who moved
into the Bowles place, C. J. Jones
and family who moved into the
Earl Leever house, Mr. and Mrs.
Otto Polotek and family who are
living in the Armstrong house, Jack
Gillaspay and family are living in
the house by the park known as the
Faber house.

Melvin Johnson had the misfor-
tune while working with an ax to cut
his foot badly, cutting off some of
the bone on his instep and necessitat-
ing the taking of 15 stitches. He
was taken to the Sacred Heart hos-
pital Saturday and returned home
Monday. He suffered intensely at
first but is in less pain now.

Mrs. Ida Berry of Ashland has
purchased the Jake Myers place.
Mrs. Berry formerly run a cafe in
the Peart building, while here she
made many friends in the commu-
nity.

W.R.C. Celebrates Five Birthdays

Wm. H. Harrison Woman's Re-
lief Corps met Saturday, June 3, in
all-day session with good attend-
ance. Birthdays for the second
quarter were observed at noon with
a delicious covered dish luncheon.
Table decorations were of roses, a
large and beautifully decorated
birthday cake gracing the center of
the table. It was prepared by Mrs.
Mary Gonderman. Those having
birthdays during this quarter were
Mesdames Powell, Kilburn, Farra,
Merritt and Richardson.

Guests from the Gold Hill group
who responded to the invitation to
meet with us were, President, Mrs.
Willie McLean, Mrs. Madge Dor-
man and Mrs. Millie Walker.

Mayor A. E. Powell arrived on
the scene at eleven o'clock and en-
tertained the assemblage with a
group of songs, accompanied on the
organ by himself. This courtesy was
greatly appreciated.

The business session opened at 2
o'clock. Plans are developing for
holding a bazaar some time later in
the season.

The program of entertainment
was on the theme of "Our Flag,"
with reading by Mesdames Merritt,
Minnick and Lawrence.

Mrs. Freda Lawrence gave a re-
port on the state convention recent-
ly held in Portland. Mrs. Eva Lough
of Medford was elected press corres-
pondent and Mrs. Lawrence chair-
man of the executive board. The
remaining time was given to pleas-
ing remarks from our guests and a
little contest put on by Patriotic In-
structor Mrs. Smith, in which the
winner was Mrs. Gleason.

During the afternoon attention
was called to the flags belonging to
the corps. They only have 13 stars
and one has the stars in a circle.
They have one nice flag presented
to them by the widow of "Uncle
Billy" Hoagland, a Civil War veter-
an, formerly of this city.

—Mrs. Mattie Smith.

Old Officers to Hold for Term

The Civic club held their regular
meeting Wednesday afternoon. Elec-
tion of officers was scheduled, but
by a unanimous vote the old offi-
cers were re-elected with the excep-
tion of treasurer, there being a va-
cancy in that office. Mrs. George
Fox was chosen for this office.

The club has taken up a new pro-
ject for the coming summer and is
sponsoring a softball league for the
younger boys. This is just for the
purpose of providing a good time
for the younger group during the
summer. The club would appreciate
it if the mothers of this group would
meet with them occasionally and
give their ideas on the club's pro-
jects.

It was suggested by a business
man of the city that a croquet set
be purchased by the club. He be-
lieved that the lots by the drinking
fountain by the fire hall might be
obtained and thought that a number
of the youths of the city would help
clean them up. Anyone wishing to
help with this undertaking may
leave word at The American office.
This game would be open to anyone,
young or old who wished to play.

It was voted to serve a fish din-
ner to the Sportsmen's club at any
time set by that club.

After the business meeting re-
freshments of sandwiches, cookies
and punch were served by Mrs. Web-
ster and Mrs. Bither which were
much enjoyed.

To Parents

Please have your boys, ranging
from 8 to 14 years of age, re-
port to the high school baseball
field next Monday night at 5:00
o'clock for the tryout for the
softball teams for the purpose of
starting a softball league which
will be sponsored by the Civic
Club.

All the kids will be graded
carefully into teams in order to
make all teams evenly matched
so as to assure good games all
summer.

If you want to see your boys
play for the sake of their health
and happiness, you can help
a great deal by urging them to try
out for the league teams.

Kenneth Powell

FABER TEAM WINS FIRST GAME IN CITY LEAGUE

Playing the first league game of
the season Faber's powerful team
overwhelmed the Elks of Medford
to the tune of 9 to 4. There never
was any doubt from start to finish
as to the superior work of Faber's
team. Every man on the team played
a perfect game and there were
only two errors committed by
Faber's team which were respon-
sible for two runs out of the four
that the Elks scored. Big Bill
Landers pitched a cool and fine
game and was never in danger at
all. Young Wilbur Johnstone took
the place of Bill Landers in the fifth
and did a very good job of retiring
the side. Babb, short-fielder, made
the most sensational catch of the
game when he made a running
catch of the ball only to fumble it
and then recover just in time before
the ball touched the ground. Don-
ald Faber, coach at Albany College,
was on the field and helped with
advice and encouragement.

Tomorrow night Faber's team
will tangle with Older Men at Med-
ford high school diamond. The
game will be the second game of the
evening.

Stone Appointed To Fill Vacancy On City Council

E. P. Stone was appointed by
Mayor Powell as councilman to fill
the vacancy caused by the removal
from the city of Marshall S. Sim-
monds. The appointment was un-
animously endorsed by the council
and Mr. Stone was sworn in at the
regular meeting Monday evening.

On account of this change in the
personnel of the council, the mayor
announced a re-arrangement of com-
mittee assignments. The following
is the new committee assignments:
FINANCE—Scott, chairman; Bon-
ney, Stone.

STREET & LIGHT—Hesselgrave,
chairman; Milton, Glass.

FIRE & POLICE—Bonney, chair-
man; Milton, Glass.

HEALTH & WATER—Milton,
chairman; Scott, Stone.

ORDINANCE—Stone, chairman;
Scott, Hesselgrave.

PARK & BUILDINGS—Glass,
chairman; Bonney, Hesselgrave.

Councilman Bonney was named
as the new Fire Chief with C. A.
Tharp as assistant.

Calendar of COMING EVENTS

Friday, June 8
Golden Link Class party at Mrs.
Bursell's. Afternoon.

Monday, June 12
Tryouts for Boys' Softball League.
High School grounds, 5:00 P.M.

Home Artist Circus, Corner 6th
and Oak Streets, 1:00 P.M.

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. Duet by Mrs. Virginia Bohnert
and Mrs. Ruth Hover. Sermon Sub-
ject "Healings in The Book of Acts
and Healing Today."

Christian Endeavor 7:00 P.M.

We will dismiss the evening ser-
vice and go in body to Church of
Christ, Central and Jackson Sts.,
Medford to hear C. C. Roots' clos-
ing message. Go in time to hear
the Nabligian Sisters sing.

Prayer and Bible Study Wednes-
day 7:45 P.M.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH
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Stanley G. Parish, Pastor.
Bible School—9:45 a. m.

Morning Worship—11:00 a. m.
Christian Endeavor—7:00 p. m.

Evening Service—8:00 p. m.
Ladies' Bible Class—Tuesday at
2:30 p. m.

Prayer Meeting—Wednesday at
8:00 p. m.

Choir Practice—Wednesday at
8:30 p. m.