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## Musings

By the Editor

Merry Christmas! Oh, er, er, we mean it was a darned short summer we've had. And for once we are not bragging about our "million dollar rain", for this time we believe we could have got along just as well without rain. Rain just now means loss of time in the marketing of our pears, danger of loss by over-ripening of same, while waiting for the orchards to dry up sufficiently to let the pickers work, to say nothing of the loss of wages for the workers. Also it is raising Ned with the county road oiling program, in which the writer is especially interested.

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We are glad to report that our genial county clerk, George Carter, is coming along very well following a serious operation in a Portland hospital. We hear that they did some wonderful things to the lad's tummy—put in a new lining, or re-tread, or some such thing and that when he gets back he will be able to take on a diet of sow-belly and cawm pone, topped off with beer and skittles, or what have you, and feel like a fighting cock afterwards. Anyway, we'll all be mighty glad to see you back again, George, and here's hopin' it won't be long.

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Monday being Labor Day and therefore not having any desire to labor (as if we ever have) and having run out of current literature to read, we browsed through our library and finally picked out an old volume of Kipling which we had not read for years. "From Sea to Sea" was one of that author's earlier books and came out in 1889, or thereabouts. And as we slouched there in our easy chair before the blazing fireplace we marveled once more at that man's skill with the tools of his trade—words.

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He tells of coming from Japan to America (in a ship that took three weeks to cross the Pacific.) Of landing at the foot of Market street in "Frisco", as he called it (two be the fellow that takes such liberties with the name of that city today before a native.) Of slipping away from the beaten paths of the Cook's Travelers of the day, to foregather with the common herd that he might learn the true life of the city. Of a night excursion in Chinatown, where he escaped by the skin of his teeth from becoming entangled with murder and sudden death.

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Leaving San Francisco to stew in its own tobacco juice, he boarded a train for Portland. And what a trip that must have been! Remember that was in the late '80s when the railroad up the coast was not more than a year old since completion. How many of you have seen the weird trains of that day and age? Wood-burning engines with their enormous smoke stacks; dinky wooden cars with no more ventilation than an oven and almost as hot. So-called "sleepers" with hermetically sealed windows and beds as hard and bumpy as the Black Hills of Dakota. Oh the "tourist" led a gay life in them days, brethren—we know, for we, too, have traveled some thousands of miles in the same hard way.

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And think what the country was through which he traveled then. Coming up the valley of the Sacramento the land was just one vast field of grain and hotter than the hinges of Hades, as the feller said. And as they climbed slowly up toward the headwaters of that mighty river what miles on miles of virgin forest—yes and virgin land, too, for the farms and ranches were few and far between. Then under the shadow of mighty Shasta they crept, up dark and gloomy canyons and beside babbling mountain streams to the foot of that historic Barrier which had stood for untold ages between the sunny southern lands and the "Oregon Country," the Siskiyou.

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We'll not try to tell of what he saw that day as the train slowly puffed its tortuous way over that grade, for you still may see it as he saw it, for the road still travels the same snake's path over that great hill. Dropping down into the Valley of the Rogue he surely saw a different land than we see today. First Ashland, a bustling railroad town of a thousand or so. Where the metropolises now stands was a chapparel and scrub oak flat with a dozen or so shafts scattered along the tracks

## FAIR TO CLOSE SUNDAY EVENING AFTER FULL WEEK

The closing day of the 80th Oregon state fair on Sunday, September 7, will bring one of the fullest days of the entire week's fair at Salem, with three big programs arranged for that day.

Sunday will be Fraternal day, with fraternalists from all parts of the state to gather on the grounds. Highlights of this observance will be the program and colorful drill team competition in the stadium at 1:30 o'clock. The fair will award six trophies in the drill events. For the program, Secretary of State Earl Snell will give the fraternal address.

Also at 1:30 o'clock, exhibition harness racing will get under way at the track, with two \$500 stakes to be divided among winners in as many stake races. Special entertainment and circus acts are scheduled to between the races.

The closing major event of the fair will be the final presentation Sunday night of Funzapoppin, the outdoor extravaganza given each night during the fair on the grandstand stage. A cast of 75 actors, known to radio, stage, screen and circus, appears in Funzapoppin.

Saturday afternoon will see the last of the pari-mutuel races and also Saturday night will bring the last performance of the brilliant state fair horse show.

All fair exhibits will remain intact until late Sunday night, the management announces.

In connection with the Fraternal day observance, sponsored jointly by the Oregon Fraternal Congress and the fair, a parade of drill teams is scheduled over the grounds at 1:00 o'clock Sunday, and a picnic in the late morning hours.

### MISS TERRITT MARRIED—

Miss Margaret Territt became the bride of Rev. Joseph A. Bowdoin at the First Presbyterian church in Rogue River Sunday afternoon. Following the ceremony the couple left on a month's wedding trip. When they return they will be at home at the Rogue River manse where Rev. Bowdoin is pastor.

## So what?—

How True—  
When duty comes a-knocking at your gate,  
Welcome him in; for if you bid him wait,  
He will depart only to come once more.

And bring seven other duties to your door. —Edwin Markham  
We know it's so with washing dishes.

Is it a So What, when L. Hatfield and Henry Maury catch no fish.

Jack Tharp says John will have to change his name as Jack has been his name longer, than John has been John's.

### TWO PICTURES

In the windows of The American office are two pictures taken of the National Guard in Medford in 1917 before they went to Fort Stevens to be mobilized. The first three to name each one in this picture correctly will receive a year's subscription to The American.

near the depot. Little he guessed that fifty brief years would bring such a change.

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Space will not allow the tale of what he saw and smelled in Portland, but how he did pan that town. And it was only a village of fifty thousand or so then, you know, and wild and boisterous as all frontier towns are sure to be. Nor can we tell of how he and a casual friend drove over miles of corduroy roads (and sometimes no roads at all) for a day's fishing on the Clackamas. Of how they caught what he called "salmon" with March Brown flies until they were themselves out and could fish no more. (We have a hunch they were steelhead, for our Western salmon have never taken kindly to flies.) But if you want to spend a happy afternoon, go to the library and get the book for yourself. You'll not regret it.

## Library Receives Many New Books

Mrs. Minnie Moore showed a big box and two smaller boxes of books sent here by Mrs. Washburn of Portland for the Central Point Library. These books had the shipping expenses all paid and are in very fine shape. When Mrs. Washburn's husband Colonel Washburn was alive and they lived here, they also presented the library with a large collection of books. The library is short of book cases and the new books can not be placed out for display. The Medford library catalogued and indexed the books that Dr. Moffatt presented. The library is badly in need of a new book case.

## Cub Picnic to Be Held Friday Night

A big picnic and Pow Wow has been planned for the cubs and their parents at Jackson Hot Springs tomorrow, Friday, September 5. A program has been planned and it is thought the cub will enjoy it. It is the starting point for fall Cubbing activities. The program starts with a swim for all cubs then a big pot luck dinner. The costs is 20 cents per cub if they bring their own suit and towel. After dinner there will be games and contests of every kind then an achievement council for all cubs who are ready for advancement.

## Local Girl Lost On Mt. McLoughlin Sun.

Adalene Cassman, with Everett and Nellie Grissom of Central Point, Kenneth Stinson of Eureka and Eugene Holman of Grants Pass, left for a trip up Mt. McLoughlin last Sunday. After a few miles up Mt. McLoughlin, Miss Cassman started to return to the camp and was lost from noon until found at 10:30 P.M. that evening. It has been reported that Miss Cassman told a friend that she was thrilled over going but that her sense of location was bad, and she would be afraid to try to go anywhere alone in the woods. Miss Cassman is none the worse for her experience though she was soaked with rain and cold.

### LOT PRICES RAISED—

The City Council raised the price of their city lots at the council meeting Tuesday evening. The minimum lots will be \$75.00. The council is now working on the city budget and will meet September 8 and September 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hale are living in Merlin. Their daughters are keeping the home fires burning.

## Bargain Offer for American

From now on every one who subscribes for the American, may send a copy to a relative or friend in service, Army or Navy, for just half price 75c a year—it will cost that much for postage to send a year's copy and they would be old papers at that.

Any one, who is not a regular reader of The American now, may subscribe to the paper for \$1.25. This offer will be good until September 15. Any one, a regular subscriber to The American, who is behind on their subscription, come in and pay one year in advance and get a special rate on back subscription.

In connection with the above offer we will mention a few things you will find in your local paper, that you will find in no other:

A great deal of local news that is in no other paper; Church and school news; grange and lodge news; advertising of the local merchants which it is well worth your time to read; ads from Medford merchants, who consider Central Point a good field to reach. We all know that it is necessary to shop in Medford for many things that we do not have at home. Patronize your home merchant first and then Medford firms who solicit your trade—well established and reliable merchants.

We have been fortunate the past year in having letters direct from England, written by a sister of Mrs. Weighill of the Rogue Tractor and Implement Company, to Mrs. Weighill. We also just recently printed a letter written by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thurston's son Jim, telling of his trip to Washington D. C. where he entered United States Naval School of Music. It was a very interesting letter. These letters from various

## Possemen Enjoy Trip to Calif. Fair

Those who went with the Sheriff's Posse to the Siskiyou County Fair from the Central Point district Monday were B. F. Thumler and Dr. Bert Elliott, Jackson County Sheriff Sid Brown headed the posse of 22 men. Chet Leonard, one of the posse, reported that they got along fairly well in the parade with only a drizzle but when it was time to drill and really show off, it was a steady downpour and they had to stop. The races were also called off, but trust this bunch to have a good time in spite of the rain.

## Change Made at Moore-Taber Mill

The Moore-Taber Lumber Company have bought the interest of Armond Taber, Mr. H. A. Westfall has been made new manager of the firm. They have purchased a new lumber carrier. A great deal of lumber is being stocked in various parts of the city. They have at least five yards.

## Postponed

At a meeting of the school board held Tuesday evening it was decided to delay opening of school until September 15th. This was done to give opportunity for those working to continue for another week and because of the labor shortage on the farms and in the orchards.

Junior Kilburn arrived Wednesday on a furlough from Fort Lewis and went to work this afternoon in the packing house. We admire his spirit but to our notion it is a tuff way to spend a furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Garrett and family have moved to Pringle. Mr. Hodapp has returned from Arizona and have bought the Garrett place. The girls did not come back with their parents and Mr. Hodapp has returned to Arizona for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dietrick and daughter and her husband from Santa Anna, California are visiting at the home of Mr. Dietrick's cousin, Mr. W. J. Gebhard and other relatives in the valley.

## Teacher's Pre-School Meeting to Be Called

A meeting has been called by County Superintendent C. R. Bowman for Saturday, September 6 at 10:00 A.M. in the auditorium of the Court House. This meeting is for all teachers who are to teach in the public schools of Jackson County except those of Ashland and Medford. The purpose of the meeting is to distribute material, to give information regarding plans for 1941-1942 term of school and such other items as are important. There will be two sessions, the first, from 10:00 A.M. will be devoted to the administrative side of the school program and the second session from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon will be given over to classroom procedure.

## War Moving Pictures To Be Presented Sun.

War pictures will be shown at the Full Square Gospel Church at 11 S. Newton st., Medford Sunday, Sept. 7 at 7:45 P.M. Outstanding features of the pictures will be the bombing over Norway, Nazi Invasion of Copenhagen and Oslo, Destruction of Namsos, Flight in Narvikfjord, and Finland's fight with Russia.

There will be no admission price. A free will offering will be taken.

Rev. Jens Peterson of Oslo, Norway, many years their minister, who is now visiting here, will present the pictures.

Rev. Charles R. Lewis is improving and is now able to be up and around.

Maxine Moore and Floyd Hammond spent Monday in Crescent City amid a steady downpour. They thought they might escape the rain in Central Point. On the return trip they traveled with the Army trucks.

Lester Hansen is spending the week with Johnny Deuel in Medford.

Henry Owen made a trip to Harrisburg where he visited his brother Calvin Owen and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Owen decided to return to Central Point when he did. They drove in their own car. Mr. Henry Owen drove up in a truck and brought a piano home with him. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Owen are visiting Mr. Owen's sister, Mrs. Henry Head, who is sick in bed with high blood pressure.

Mrs. Gladys Beebe is spending an indefinite time with her sister Mrs. Fredrick Bubrow in Hollywood. She is also visiting Mrs. W. A. Moon at Long Beach. Mrs. Beebe, accompanied by Mrs. Moon, will drive Mrs. Moon's car back here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Yocum and daughters Bene, Ruth, and Shirley are moving to Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wilson left Tuesday after a short visit with his brother, Elmer Wilson. The two brothers and their wives spent Sunday and Sunday night at Lake of the Woods and the local Mr. Wilson showed the San Pedro Wilson that it really can rain in Oregon, but it gave them the opportunity for a good visit. They returned home by Crater Lake Monday and it was still raining.

C. A. Wigley has bought the Frank Lawrence property next to the Frank Lawrence home.

## The Churches

**FEDERATED CHURCH**  
Rev. C. R. Luther Pastor  
Telephone 53  
9:45 A.M. Bible School, Wm. Kamberg, Supt.  
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship, Message by the pastor. Subject, "Why We Need a Revival And How We Can Get It."  
7:00 P.M. Senior C. E.  
8:00 P.M. Evening Service. Study in the Book of Job.  
Monday 7:30 P.M. Men's Prayer Meeting.  
Tuesday 2:30 P.M. Ladies Bible Class.  
Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Mid week Prayer meeting.  
Thursday 2:30 P.M. Ladies Aid.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Minister—Carlos Brown  
Bible School 10:00 A.M.  
11:00 A.M. Sermon. "Paul's Exhortations to The Philippians."  
Young People 7:00 P.M.  
8:00 P.M. Sermon "The Conversion of A Preacher."  
Tuesday Orchestra Practice.  
Wednesday Bible Study.

## STAG PARTY FOR JIM ROSS HELD MONDAY EVENING

Mrs. Jim Ross entertained with a surprise stag party in celebration of her husband's birthday last Monday evening, September 1. Jimmy Jr. celebrated his birthday on August 28. The invited guests were Ted Goin, Harry Elden, Ronnie Pinkham, Sid Bristoe, Walter Painter, Alvin Williams, Gerald Morris, Nate Grisham, Ray Watkins, out of town guests from Medford were Clatus McCredie and J. D. Ross. Cards were played and a delicious dinner of fried chicken and all the good things that go with such a dinner and two beautiful birthday cakes sporting 44 candles were served. Mesdames Clatus McCredie, J. D. Ross, Ted Goin and the hostess and her daughter Vivian Ross served the lovely dinner. The party was a home coming party as well as a birthday celebration as Mr. Ross had just returned home from a trip to Portland where he went through the veteran's hospital clinic. The honor guest received many lovely gifts.

## P.T.-A. Executive Committee to Meet

The executive committee of the Central Point P.T.A. will meet at the home of Mrs. John Bohnert on the north Pacific highway Tuesday, September 9 at 1:30 P.M.

The executive committee is composed of all elected officers and all committee chairmen, and every member should be present. Initial plans for the year's P.T.A. projects will be made and the cooperation of every committee is needed to insure a well balanced program of activities.

Mrs. John Ross and grandson Johnny Deuel planned to attend the state fair at Salem but on account of Mrs. Ross being ill, the trip had to be cancelled.

Mr. J. E. Patterson has rented the W. A. Grant house.

Mr. H. B. Nidever bought the Grace Hall property.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ross were pleasantly surprised when Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bronson and daughter of San Diego arrived Monday for a short visit on their way to Seattle. Mr. Ted Goin took them fishing Tuesday morning and upon their return, the fish must be cooked at once, so a fish dinner was enjoyed. Mrs. Bronson was so pleased with her visit that she would have been glad to have spent the entire vacation here. They left Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. H. W. Davison will live with his daughter Mrs. Ray Wyatt and family at Table Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lacy have rented the Mollie Harrison house.

Bill Kelzur returned to Camp Lewis after a 15 day furlough.

Mrs. C. L. Pierce, accompanied by her daughter Marjorie and daughter-in-law Mrs. Harold Pierce (nee Iris Hill) and Elaine Berry of Grants Pass, left Tuesday morning for Alturas where they visited Captain C. L. Pierce, who returned home with them Wednesday to spend the week end.

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and  
**Craterian Theatre**  
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—or—  
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