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Musings

By the Editor

Had one of the most interesting experiences of our long and varied career this week. A lady whom we had met recently in our official capacity and who had learned that we had spent part of our young manhood chasing around the Black Hills of Wyoming and South Dakota, brought to our office a copy of the Belle Fourche Bee, a weekly newspaper published in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, which was, when we knew it, one of the old-time cattle towns on the eastern border of the Hills and was a wild old burg when the fall shipping season was on.

Now it so happens that the writer was foreman-printer-devil of the Bee way back in the Gay Nineties and of course was interested in the stories of the early days of the town as printed in this 50th anniversary edition of that paper. And we were very glad to see that it had survived through all these years, in spite of the handicap of having such old-time employees as ourself.

We confess that we read the paper through from A to Z, and how it did bring back the old times! As Kipling put it:

I have eaten your bread and salt,
I have drunk your water and wine,
And the deaths that ye died
I have watched beside,
And the life that ye lived was mine.
Was there aught that I did not share
Of struggle, or toil, or ease,
One joy or woe
That I did not know,
Dear hearts across the seas?

As we read those tales of the early days of that little town, straggling out at the junction of the Belle Fourche and Redwood rivers, and Hay Creek and Willow Creek, from which the town gets its name, "beautiful forks", how strongly we were carried back to the time we lived and loved there, some forty-four years ago. For just to keep the record straight, it was in that little town that we plighted our troth with the dear lady who has stood so bravely at our side in the battle of life through all the years.

We read of the founding of the little town by Seth Bullock, whom we knew and admired, and who later, through his earlier friendship with Teddy Roosevelt, became a captain in the Rough Riders and later was appointed supervisor of the Black Hills National Forest, and afterward, United States Marshal. And, if truth must be told, if it hadn't been that we had the Biblical excuse, ("I have married a wife, and therefore cannot come") we would have done our best to join Bullock's company for service against the Spaniard.

And then there were the Driskill boys who ran the "D" ranch on the headwaters of the Little Missouri, which we visited many a time. (It was at the "D" grub wagon we were eating our dinner when word came that there had been a shooting scrape between two of the cowboys and we jumped up to help the cook throw the beds out of the bed wagon and go out and take the wounded man to the nearest ranch, which happened to be the Tee-Cross-Tec.)

And how later the doctor sent us to town (this same town of Belle Fourche) for certain medicine needed for that wounded man. We'll never forget that 126-mile ride across country, through the mountains, following cattle trails, and no trails at all, riding down three horses and roping fresh mounts at ranches along the way. Oh, the "Gay Nineties" weren't always so gay, brethren.

And we can picture "Old Man" Giles, the hardware man, who was chairman of the committee which made ready for the big encampment of the Old Soldiers and Sailors association in '97, who had so much trouble erecting the big flag pole on the town square. They had fastened a big rope to the pole about fifty feet from the butt, besides two lighter guy ropes. Then they put the butt of the pole in a trench leading to the hole in which it was to stand, and pulled the big stick upright with a four-horse team. And no one thought how they were going to get those ropes down until the pole had been thoroughly tamped into place!

How that long, lean, lank printer rounded Giles into a bet that HE

MEETING ARRANGED TO DISCUSS NEW BUDGET LAW

Mrs. Ruth Bathiany, president of the Oregon Finance Officers' Association, today extended an invitation to the members of governing bodies, finance officers and budget committees of all local governmental units of Jackson and Josephine counties to attend a meeting of that group to be held in the courthouse auditorium in Medford, Tuesday evening, September 16. The session has been designed to give instruction on the compulsory audit law, the new fiscal year and latest budget procedure to councilmen, school board members, county officials and budget committees.

This meeting is the first of a series to be held throughout the year as a part of a state-wide finance officers' training program. The entire program of meetings has been arranged through the cooperation of the Oregon Finance Officers' Association, the state division of audits, the bureau of municipal research at the University of Oregon and the state division of vocational education. Local arrangements for the sessions are under the direction of Ralph Sweeney, county treasurer.

Winston D. Purvine, assistant state supervisor of public service training, is in charge of naming instructors for the meetings. Experts in the various fields have been secured from the state division of audits, the state board of accountancy and the University bureau of municipal research. The instructor who will conduct the school at Medford will be M. D. Weels, secretary treasurer of the state board of accountancy.

The state legislature last year passed certain measures which will materially effect the financial policy, budget making and auditing for local governmental units. These matters will be discussed fully at the coming meeting. Later in the year additional sessions dealing with accounting, statements and other technical aspects of the work will be scheduled.

Miss Mary Smyth Weds Mr. Pomeroy

The marriage of Miss Mary Elizabeth Smyth to Mr. Corbyn Roche Pomeroy took place September 3 at Reno, Nev. The ceremony was held at the Methodist parsonage Wednesday evening. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Orville Smyth of Hildebrand, Ore., and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harold Pomeroy of Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Pomeroy will spend the first part of their wedding trip at Lake Tahoe, later motoring through the Yosemite valley. After visiting in San Francisco they expect to return by the Redwood highway to their home on the Old Military road near Medford.

Rains Drop Fair's Paid Admissions

Oregon's 1941 state fair wound up the week at Salem with 116,371 paid admissions—1,639 under last year—in spite of opening in weather that was anything but fair. Rain dropped Monday and Wednesday attendance considerably below last year but sunshine at the end of the week brought the total up.

Financial returns will be equal to or slightly over 1940, preliminary estimates show. Gains every day in the pari-mutuels brought the weekly wages to \$138,523 or \$21,864 above 1940 which was the record to that time.

The fair enjoyed the largest poultry show in history and livestock judges in every department in the open classes commented upon the superior quality and quantity of the different breed shows.

could get them down in 15 minutes—and did so by shinning up the big rope till he came to the knot, holding his opened jackknife in his teeth, held himself with his knees around the pole for the few seconds necessary to cut the light ropes and then loosened the knot and slid the big rope down a few inches, then slid down himself, and so on until his feet struck earth. The old man did some honest-to-goodness cussing, but he paid the bet like the true Westerner he was.

Grange to Stage Birthday Party

The Central Point Grange met Friday evening in regular session. The attendance was still small but it is hoped that everyone will be present at the next meeting September 19th. The Chaplain, Clara Vincent, assisted by Mae Richardson, is planning on a very unusual and entertaining program. This meeting, September 19, will celebrate the birthdays, occurring in July, August, and September. This will be an outstanding program of the year and every one is urged to come and enjoy this interesting meeting.

Mrs. Tracy had charge of the last lecture hour which consisted of musical numbers by Florence Blasing and Ernestine Tracy and readings by Mrs. Tracy, Jenny Yantiss and Wm. Foley.

Several new applications for membership were presented. Bro. Paul Smith, who has been away for some time, was present.

Following the meeting the officers practiced a new seating drill. This drill will be practiced again at the next meeting.

Famed Movie Actor Accepts Position on Sheriff's Possemen

Ginger Rogers, the movie actress, who has gone in for farming on a Rogue River estate acquired recently, has accepted an invitation to become an honorary captain of the Jackson County Sheriff's Mounted Posse. Capt. O. H. Bengston announced recently he had been informed by Miss Jacque Parsons, Miss Rogers' private secretary.

In a telephone conversation, Lella Rogers, Ginger's mother, told Capt. Bengston that she thought it would be possible for Miss Rogers to appear at a public ceremony in Medford September 20 to receive her commission in the posse, it was stated in a press release issued yesterday by the posse's captain.

A special meeting of the posse will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the clubroom at the end of the regular weekly 6 o'clock drill to complete plans for Miss Rogers' public appearance here. Capt. Bengston said the posse is registered under the national defense program and that after Miss Rogers has received her honorary captaincy, she will automatically be registered under the national defense set-up for Jackson county.—Mail Tribune.

Special Offer

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 18. 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.

"Roundup" Enjoyed By Nevita Lodge

Tuesday evening Nevita Chapter No. 93 at Central Point held a very successful "Roundup" meeting. The Roundup theme was used throughout the program and table decorations. During the program each member was asked to give a Star brand for his steed. Community singing and a reading by Mrs. Lulu Saulsbury, Grand Chapter of Oregon, were very much enjoyed.

Adjourning to the dining room, members and visitors found miniature cowboys with lariats and bucking broncs charging in the corral and along the rail fences that centered the long tables. Checkered table cloths were used effectively over the white linn and small cowboy hats marked each place. Trees and sarsaparilla made the dining room look like real "cow" country. All "hands" were provided with paper plates and tin cups.

Committees responsible for this outstanding evening were: Program, Marjorie Skeeters Pena and Ed Vincent; Hall Decoration, Mrs. Merritt Swing and Mrs. Pearl Bonney; Refreshments, Mrs. Hensley Holt, Mrs. H. P. Jewett, Mrs. Anna Mears and Mrs. Everett Faber.

The next meeting of Nevita Chapter will be Tuesday, September 23, at which time a stunt night will be observed. Captains for the program are Mrs. Leonard Freeman and William Bishop. Visiting members of the Order are reminded that a cordial welcome awaits them at each and every meeting of Nevita Chapter.

Lillard Will Be DA Investigator

Prompter Mack Lillard, it has been learned here, has been appointed a special investigator for the prosecutor's office by District Attorney L. Orth Slesmore of Klamath county. It was understood Lillard would do this work along with promoting prize fights in Klamath Falls.

Lillard plans to start staging boxing shows in Medford as soon as the armory, now occupied by architects for the proposed army cantonment becomes available again.—Mail Tribune.

Special Course At College Taken By Dr. Geo. Jennings

Dr. George S. Jennings, Osteopathic physician and surgeon, just returned from taking a three week special course at the Polyclinic Post-graduate College in Denver. The first of June Dr. Jennings moved into his new offices at 426 Medford Bldg., which are much more pleasant and roomy.

CORRECTION

It was stated last week that the Moore-Taber mill had purchased the interest of Armond Taber but it was Mr. H. A. Westfall who bought Mr. Taber's interest. Mr. Westfall is the new manager.

Heath Association To Hold Meeting

All club women of Jackson county are extended a special invitation to the bi-monthly meeting of the Jackson County Public Health Association September 18. Mrs. J. C. S. Wells, association president, announced. Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, who recently completed her term in office as national president of Federated Women's clubs, will be speaker at the September meeting.

P.T.A. To Plan Party for Teachers

Central Point P.T.A. executive committee met September 9, at 1:30 P.M. with Mrs. John Bohnert on North Pacific highway with seven members present. The first get-together meeting of the year, a reception honoring the teachers of Central Point was planned and will be an event of September 26 at 8:00 P.M. A good program is being arranged. Further announcement will be made.

Car Accident Lands 6 Persons in Hospital

A collision between a Ford Coupe driven by Alleen Berry and belonging to Rex Coy and a Chrysler sedan, driven by Harry H. Chapman of Hornbrook last Sunday evening sent six people to the hospital, severely injured.

Marjorie Pierce, Alleen Berry and Rex Coy, all well known here, were riding in the Coy machine, Mrs. Alice Coppin and Miss Kathryn Plek of Medford and Mr. Chapman in the other car. All were badly injured but not dangerously so. Miss Pierce returned to her home Tuesday evening. Miss Berry had been house guest at the Pierce home and was returning to her home at Grants Pass.

So what?—

Dwell not upon thy weariness; thy strength is the measure of thy desire.—Arab Proverb.

A want ad of a lost vase in The American brought in four lost vases.

Ask Frank Hammond and Bob Jones if catfish bite better after dark.

Ed Vincent saying you get your name in the paper three time: When you are born, when you are married and when you die—He should have added and in the So What's.

Roger Yost taking his young son Dickie down for a hair cut at eight o'clock and going on out to gather the crew for work, expecting to be right back and at 10:30, remembering him and calling Mrs. Yost who found the young man having a grand time on Main Street, visiting the various business houses. Dickie is about three years old.

John Sharp reports that he is enjoying his vacation very much.

A certain plump little woman shivering with the cold said, "It is awful when all this fat get cold."

Mr. Henagen and three son, Everett Faber and son Donnie spent one day trying to capture two calves, result: tired and hot. Mrs. Henagen took a bucket of milk and calmly caught both in a few minutes. Several morals to this story.

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 a Guest Speaker.
6:30 P.M. Senior C. E.
7:30 P.M. Evening Evangelistic service. Message by the pastor, subject, "What It Means To Be Guilty Before God."
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 Service.
Thursday 2:30 P.M. Ladies Aid.
Thursday 7:30 P.M. Sunday School Board meeting.
Come worship with us.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Worship—Carlos Brown

CENTRAL POINT SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY, SEPT. 15

Announcing that all teachers are to meet Saturday morning in the high school building to get plans underway for the opening day, Monday, September 15th, Supt. Jewett has given out the following assignment of teachers to duty: For the high school; Harry Meyers, band and orchestra; Kenneth Hulbert, Shop and physical education; Ethel Fleischer, English; Irene Anhorn, home economics and social studies; Charlotte Eyre, physical education and library; Elizabeth Wilson, science and music. The elementary school will be headed by Ronald Gandee as principal; Russell Werner, seventh grade and physical education; Leah Etta Evans, sixth grade; Ruth Foster, fifth grade; Helen Wilson, fourth grade; Ruth Ottoman, third grade; Mabel Dodson, second grade; Mae Richardson, first grade. All these teachers have been well trained for their work in either Normal School or college and with two exceptions, namely Miss Wilson and Mr. Werner, taught in the Central Point Schools last year. Miss Wilson is a graduate of Whitman College, and the University of Oregon, and Mr. Werner is a graduate of the Southern Oregon College of Education of Ashland.

New projects in the elementary school will be the adoption of a science course on a grade school level for all grades, a return to a once a week program of the Standard Oil Co. Broadcast for schools, and an all year plan for hot lunch with a cook provided under the supervision of the WPA.

A project which is sure to receive the heartiest cooperation of all departments of the school, the parents, and the whole community, is that of a school band. It will take time to build this to the point where it will be ready for public appearance but there is every indication that a good start will be made this year.

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Ray Cox is home on a furlough visiting his brother Joe Cox and other relatives. Mr. Cox is in the Army medical corps.

DEFENSE BOND QUIZ

Q. I would like to provide a regular income for myself when I retire. Can this be done by buying Defense Savings Bonds?

A. Yes. If you purchase a Bond for \$37.50 each month, each Bond will mature in exactly 10 years. Thus at the end of 10 years you will have \$50 payable each month as each of your Bonds reaches maturity.

Q. But I will need more than \$50 a month.

A. Then you should invest a larger amount each month. Every \$75 you put into Defense Bonds will pay you \$100 ten years from now. Meanwhile, your money serves your Government during this period of national emergency.

NOTE—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.

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