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The Editor Speaking

Pop Gates' statement that he will not indulge in mudslinging and personalities in his campaign as an independent candidate for the county judgeship can be easily understood after studying his record, which we have printed on page two of this issue. The old saw, "People who live in glass houses," comes to mind when the Gates record is unearthed. And it all just goes to show that claims of some alleged politicians to "furnish a business administration marked with harmony and economy" if carried out would be a direct about-face for their entire lifetime's performance. "As the twig is bent, the tree's inclined" was a smart mouthful emitted hundreds of years ago, and was not confined to just the layman—but includes politicians also.

We will admit that all candidates in the field have their good and bad qualities, even President Hoover. But we can't see where an independent, hoping to slip in at the close of the race by ignoring the primary law, should even deserve respect. He is not a clean sport, not fair to his opposition, and is seeking something for nothing. And, as there never was something gained for nothing, we predict they are in the certain process of cutting their own throats. For if they will take an unfair advantage and cheat to get the office, what will happen after they get in power and don't have to be nice, cater to voters and watch their behavior? Although there may be some scattered well qualified men in the independent class, we believe they have been misguided and could have learned a great lesson from Henry W. Conger, republican candidate for nomination to the post of county coroner for another term in the primaries. Asked after his defeat if he would enter one of his deputies as an independent in the fall campaign, he looked us square in the face and stated with honest emphasis, "I know when I have been beaten fairly and squarely, and I'm willing to take my medicine. I do not approve of poor losers who enter independents in a campaign."

Jackson county would be far better off if it contained more good losers as well as good winners. Our hat is off to the retiring coroner, who was willing to abide by the Oregon primary law.

Politics aren't furnishing the only grudge battles this fall. Mack Lillard, Medford's fight promoter who staged a stellar card here during the celebration, has lined up

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Juvenile Grange to Breathe Life Soon

Applegate will soon possess a juvenile Grange under the guidance of Mrs. Frank Knutzen, matron, succeeding Mrs. Tom Mee, who resigned a few weeks ago. Of the 13 members necessary, 11 have been obtained between the required ages of 5 and 14. The community is fortunate in obtaining an organization of this type for the children, in that it offers splendid training in leadership, responsibility to one's community, appearance before the public and many other phases of the things that make life worth while.

Applegate's booster night was a big success, with a large attendance and a splendid time. Dancing and games followed the earlier evening events of a pot luck supper and an interesting program prepared by the lecturer, Herbert Elmore.

A recent event of which the Grange is proud and not afraid to admit it, is the fact that Mrs. Jack O'Brien won a sack race for her home organization at Jacksonville's booster day program.

Archie Bowman found it necessary to shoot one of his horses this week. It fell a victim to the spreading epidemic of sleeping sickness which seems to be making costly rounds in this section.

Donna McIntyre, 7, Saturday suffered the fracture of both bones near the wrist of her arm and will be unable to attend school before next week. Dr. Sleeter of Medford attended the little girl.

TOFT SUICIDES IN HOME HERE THURSDAY EVE

Financial Worries, Estrangement Cause Businessman to Take Own Life

Ray H. Toft, for many years in business in southern Oregon and one of the county's largest property owners, committed suicide yesterday afternoon at his home here, according to a verdict rendered by Coroner H. W. Conger.

Toft, who had been in poor health for some time, placed three strands of wire about his neck, inserted a chair rung, using it as a tourniquet to choke himself to death.

He had been left alone in the house by Carlton, a gardener, and Olive O'Connor, housekeeper, who had been sent downtown to pay bills. When Mrs. O'Connor returned, she said, she found him dead on the floor, with the tourniquet about his neck. Save for a blackened face, there was no evidence of death, and Dr. Sweeney was called and efforts were made to resuscitate the man. The discovery of the body was made about 2 o'clock, and the man had been dead about an hour. The room was undisturbed.

City Marshal Jim Littell was called, who in turn summoned the county coroner.

Toft, who had been identified with Jacksonville real estate and business for some time, also was engaged in brokerage business in Medford. He is survived by a father, J. E. Toft, and a sister, both of Medford, and Amelia Toft, his wife, who has been estranged for some time. Toft was about 53 years of age.

Rural Mail Service Changes Inaugurated

If postal employees anywhere in the United States noticed a sizeable deflation in the mails Tuesday it was on account of the new schedule for E. S. Wilson, carrier on the Big Applegate and Sterling route. Many people on the route did not know that beginning October 1 the carrier goes back to Jacksonville on the same days on which he delivers the mail. Consequently much of the intended outgoing mail laid over in the boxes until Wednesday.

This new arrangement is a result of a petition circulated some time ago, which also included the right to accommodate residents on the west side of the Applegate in the vicinity of the Star ranger station by allowing Wilson to travel that road as he delivers the mail, and to make the return trip on the east side of the river.

While attempting to become accustomed to the new schedule, Applegate residents are seriously considering taking steps to obtain daily mail in the place of the delivery three times a week. Daily mail would be a long stride forward from the custom of a few years ago when the mailman came only on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week.

The new routine brought into effect this month is not in any way connected with the discontinuance of the post office at Copper some time ago.

FRESHMAN INITIATION AT SCHOOL TONIGHT

Initiation of Jacksonville high school freshmen is slated to take place this evening at 8 p.m. at the local gymnasium. Entertainment, and punishment, of the greenies is to be furnished by the sophomore class, which promises to work up a husky appetite in their charges through many and devious methods ere they are permitted to feel at ease and partake of ample refreshments which are to be furnished.

Jacksonville males, en masse, departed for the hills early Thursday morning following Wednesday evening's rain in search of buck, which have been exceedingly rare this season, due in part to dryness. "We'll be able to get within a half mile of the critters now without them thinkin' there's a thousand firecrackers snappin' under our feet," stated Punk Dunnington, one of the huntsmen, as welcome rain descended in torrents Wednesday for the first time in several months.

Registration Books to Close Tomorrow

Registrations in Jacksonville precincts, according to G. W. Godward, deputy registrar, have been exceedingly heavy the past few days, with republican declarations overshadowing democratic voters. It was added, however, that a majority of republican registrars declared themselves as voting a democratic presidential ticket next month. The local registration books in the Godward Mercantile company store will close at 5 p.m. Saturday afternoon, tomorrow.

In order to register a person must have resided in the state of Oregon at least six months immediately preceding the application to register and must register in the precinct in which they have established a residence.

Anyone who has voted at at least one election in this county in the past two years and has not changed his residence need not re-register.

If you have moved since you last registered you will not be entitled to vote unless you re-register, before October 8, tomorrow, in the precinct in which you now reside.

Persons who will be absent from the county on election day may apply for absent voter's ballot. The ballot voted in this manner must be voted and back in the county clerk's office not later than six days before the election. Ballots must reach the clerk's office not later than November 1 to be accepted for the general election.

COUNCIL VOTES \$13,000 BOND REFUND PLAN

Take Steps to Move City Polls to County, State Voting Booths for Election

Meeting in regular session Tuesday night, and again in special meeting Wednesday night, Jacksonville's city council voted to issue \$13,000 refunding bonds to retire a \$15,000 bond issue past due, \$2000 of which had been paid. City Attorney H. K. Hanna was instructed to draw up necessary papers which will be submitted to New York bondsmen for approval.

Steps were taken to move the polling place for city elections to where regular county, state and national votes are cast, so that all voting may be done at one place. Heretofore all ballots in city elections had been cast in the city hall. It was pointed out that nominating petitions for the city election, when two councilmen, one mayor, city recorder and treasurer are to be elected, must be tendered 10 days before election, in order that ballots may be printed.

Two ordinances were drawn up by City Attorney Hanna, one to change turn-on fee for water service from \$2 to \$5, and the other to make water rent a lien on property, thus making property owners and not tenants finally responsible for payment of water bills.

Instructions were forwarded to the California Oregon Power company to move two lights on South Oregon street from poles to center of the street so that large trees would not shut off light in the center of the block. C. A. Whitney was given a lease on city-owned lots bordering Jackson creek in the rear of the Kenney property for mining purposes, with the stipulation that Whitney leave the surface in better condition than at present. A 15 per cent portion of gold produced will be paid the city.

Oscar Lewis and Ed Severance are the retiring councilmen who will complete two-year terms in December and Wesley Hartman, mayor, will complete his present term at the same time. Both Recorder Ray Coleman and City Treasurer C. C. Chitwood complete one-year terms also. Clint Dunnington and Jim Cantrall are holdover members of the council who serve for another 12 months.

John Norris, fisherman by yen, this week journeyed to the mighty Rogue, which may be closed this fall to commercial fishing so that a few might get up as far as the Table rocks, returned with a long face, empty fish basket, a ravenous appetite and wet hip pockets, to swear he was certainly going to vote for closing the Rogue in the coming election.

Charles Powell, 80, Snatched from Home in "God's Country"

By MAUDE POOL

Snatching him away from the little spot he knew as home, death overtook Charles Powell, aged Applegate resident, where he had hoped—in Oregon. Only by the force of will power born of a strong desire to shift for himself, did he live to the end in the place he called God's country, the Applegate.

He lived a lonely, rugged life, refusing to remain with a son or daughter. Many who blamed him for this solitary existence, what they termed a childish fancy, failed to grasp the beauty and strength of an ambition there that some never know even in a lifetime. It was this ambition that created a home from mere nothingness. Those quick to place blame called the habitude a shanty, but to this aged man it was a home with a tie that binds because he had made it—there were trees, a handful of flowers, a garden, a well, outbuildings, all brought into being bit by bit by the ceaseless efforts of this old man in the last seven years he had resided here.

Even to the end—on that last evening Mr. Powell was to know in his tiny cabin, when sickness all but claimed his strength, that same spark of energy and hope burned on. A friend wound the alarm clock and set it where the sick man might see it with the coming of dawn, but the same faithful gnarled hand, even though weary and aching, had to wind the little watch for its final vigil of the night. The timepieces ticked on into the morning, but the one for whom they marked the hours had been removed to a hospital in the night, where death occurred the following afternoon.

Mr. Powell was born in Illinois in 1852, reaching his 80th birthday on June 3. He came to Utah in 1869, where he married. His wife died not many years later. Six children had been born to that union, all of whom survive. Mr. Powell had worked at numerous occupations, including mining, farming, freighting and blacksmithing. He was intensely interested in politics and world affairs, being one of Hoover's non-believers.

He was laid to rest Monday on a verdant slope of Medford's Siskiyou Memorial park. Even though his work on this earth was not quite completed, there being just a few more tasks he would have liked to finish, perhaps he departed with a peacefulness and ease of feeling in knowing that he had worked faithfully to the last.

Young Demos Form Own Club Wednesday

The young democrats of Jackson county gathered Wednesday evening 50 strong at the Holland hotel in Medford to form a club dedicated to the cause of converting the younger generation to the value of good citizenship and government, and to the obvious truth that good government comes only from good citizenship and a general interest in politics.

E. C. Kelly successfully guided the initial meeting to the formation of a group which was marked with enthusiasm, interest and a touch of old-time political gusto. Roosevelt glory was hoisted aloft and Charles Richard, French cook and member of the governor's household for many years, was present to tell a few intimate facts concerning the man, whom he characterized as "a fighter; one of us, one with an understanding of youth, its problems and emotions, and one who has been through his full share of suffering and trials."

Richard declared that he was enroute to New York to carry on his work for Roosevelt, and that he would cook a turkey to be sent by democrats of southern Oregon for Thanksgiving night, 1933, in the White House kitchen. He indicated, from his travels over the state, that he believed Oregon would be one of the strongest Roosevelt states in the nation when polling day came around.

Officers elected to guide the embryonic organization through the fall campaign and coming year, were: Moore Hamilton, president; Justin Smith and Leonard Hall, vice presidents, and Mary Greiner Kelly, secretary-treasurer.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday night, October 19, at the new courthouse.

SENTENCE STAY GRANTED PAIR LOCAL YOUTHS

Ordered to Pay \$100 for Machine and Coin Stolen; Norton Lectures

Brought to trial yesterday morning before Circuit Judge H. D. Norton, Albert Hueners and Neal Miller pleaded guilty to charges of burglary not of a residence and were granted a six-months stay of sentence. They were instructed to pay the Jacksonville Legion club \$100 to offset loss to that organization as result of their theft of a slot machine used during the Gold Rush Jubilee August 20.

State Police Officer O'Brien, with the cooperation of local celebration officials and City Marshal Jim Littell, apprehended the youths, who readily confessed to the theft and destruction of the machine, which was found in an irrigation ditch near the Seventh Day Adventist academy. Testimony at yesterday's trial brought out the fact that it was both boys' first offense of this nature and leniency, providing they follow a straight and narrow path in the future, was granted by the judge. Hueners and Miller, both 18, seemed impressed and grateful for understanding and patience shown. Hueners is a Jacksonville boy while Miller resides at Eagle Point.

Highlight of the trial was Judge Norton's lecture, in which he pointed out the fact that the pair had come to the point in life where they could either become an asset or liability to society, and that he was giving them a chance to make a choice. "It is up to you boys whether you are to grow into upstanding, valuable men in the community, or become a burden upon the state. The law provides a penalty of from two to five years for an offense of this kind, and your conduct in the next six months will determine whether you will serve a sentence in the state penitentiary or be granted another stay of sentence, and finally a dismissal of the case."

Many friends of the Hueners family rallied to the aid of the boys, and much evidence was presented to show that they had heretofore enjoyed good reputations and had steered clear of trouble. Parents of both youths and others present at the trial declared Judge Norton had pursued a wise course and had shown humane mercy in handling the case.

J'ville Player Breaks Shoulder in Encounter

Paul Hess, tall backfield warrior of the Jacksonville high school football team, last Friday suffered fracture of the right shoulder during scrimmage with Medford junior high school's eleven. After painful efforts to continue throughout the second quarter, when he was injured, Hess was rushed to Dr. H. B. Gillis for treatment.

Up and around within a few days, Hess has been attending classes this week and is anticipating full recovery in time for the winter season of basketball.

Although having a temporarily demoralizing effect on teammates, a rally was staged by the local boys in the second half and the Medford juniors were held to a 7-6 victory.

Had it not been for the injury of Hess, the team's heaviest player, it is expected a victory would have been carded for the Jacksonville boys, who have distinguished themselves with an admirable fighting spirit whenever opposition threatens their goal post. Although loss of Hess greatly crippled the team, Coach Hunsaker's men gained more than twice the yardage of their opponents. Reinking carried the ball on the one touchdown for the locals.

Lineup included Ward, Reinking, R. Card, Hess, D. Forbes, G. Hueners, H. Pitts, Leonard Gilbert, Elliott Rhoten and W. Combust. No game has been scheduled for this week-end, although a scrimmage tilt may be arranged for this afternoon on the local field with some nearby aggregation.

E. I. Applegate of Klamath Falls, brother of Mrs. C. C. Chitwood of this city, spent Wednesday evening with the druggist and his family while enroute to the northern part of the state.