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The Editor Speaking

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a real grudge battle between K. O. Herb White, scrappy Medford corner, and Denny Barker, Reno slugger. It seems that White almost had Barker out on his feet in Klamath Falls the other night when his opponent slipped in a knockout blow which floored White for the first time in his career. K. O. Herb believes he can reverse the outcome this Saturday night at the Medford armory and his host of southern Oregon friends are anxiously awaiting the curtain raiser at 9:15 p.m. to see a fight which doubtless will be long remembered.

Lillard is to be commended for the high class cards brought to southern Oregon through his efforts, and the last bout, held 10 days ago, was one of the best shows ever witnessed in Medford. A six-round semi-windup will bring out Medford's coming heavyweight, Bob Christean, fighting a stable-mate of Barker, Jack Larson, Jacksonville's own fighter, Emerson Babb, is slated to tangle with Young Hansaker, kid brother to one of the redheads who put on a real fistic circus at the last fight. Roy Harris of Phoenix and Roscoe Stewart of Ashland will perform in one of the three four-round preliminaries, which will fill out the full program of 24 fast rounds.

Several of the local boys, playing with gloves during the crisp fall evenings, have been preparing themselves for Lillard's programs, and probably will be seen in action before long. They have been wont to gather under a street light in front of the old courthouse, don leather and go after each other in true professional form, gaining not only healthful exercise, but also fundamentals of manly protection which comes in handy at times. Two or three of the more apt students of fisticuffs have reached the point where they can almost hold their own among a gathering of independent candidates and emerge without having given a single election promise.

The other day we were fortunate enough to win an electric clock for a few cents and proudly hurried home with the novelty to wind the thing up. Noting that it kept accurate time down to a split second every week, we started an investigation of the contraption which revealed that it was controlled by a master clock which regulates the alternations in direction of electric current which was available in any ordinary light socket, all for the trifling price of FOUR CENTS or less a month. Electricity used by such a device is so slight that, alone, it will not turn an ordinary light meter. We never thought the power octopus would stoop to wind and set our clocks, let alone charge less than 50 cents a year for the service!

Speaking of distance, The Miner now travels as far away as Honolulu, T. H. Seven states are included in the present subscription list and requests have been received for the paper from New York City, Texas and the middle west. Although business has been tough, money scarce and times harder than a taxpayer's heart, circulation has steadily increased to where we believe this paper has the largest weekly paid-up subscription list in Jackson county.

And in this connection we would like to call your attention to a new Miner feature, "Topnotchers," to be found on page four for the first time this week. Drawn by Kettner, nationally-known artist, this new sports cartoon will be a regular weekly feature. Another of Ket's creations, a weekly editorial cartoon service, will be inaugurated about next week. These additions to the columns of The Miner were made possible entirely by the co-operation of the paper's readers in increasing the number of paid-up subscriptions to the present status which, we promise, encourages us to do even better and to work harder in producing an interesting newspaper.

PAST RECORD OF C. E. (POP) GATES

(An Editorial)

THE MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE and a small contingent of the Old Guard politicians who have backed C. E. Gates as an independent candidate in the race for county judge, lay great stress on his business ability. They lay special emphasis on his business administration when he was mayor of Medford. They must have concluded that people have forgotten the Gates administration; otherwise, this feature would not have been mentioned. Many people, however, still remember, and fortunately, all records have not been destroyed. And we are recalling to mind a few instances and times the voters of Jackson county should ever bear in mind.

Now these supporters of Gates boost him on the point of economy and assert that he will reduce taxes and place Jackson county on a business basis. The only way that one can judge what a person may do in the future is his record in the past. Pop Gates' administration tilted the taxes of Medford each and every year while in power. Instead of reducing the tax levy, the Gates administration uniformly raised it as follows:

1917.....	12.6 mills
1918.....	12.9 mills
1919.....	15.0 mills
1920.....	15.9 mills
1921.....	15.9 mills

Each year shows an increase until 1921, when it was the same as 1920. The tax this year was kept the same by increasing the water rent 25 cents per month on each and every consumer under the Medford water system, and diverting this water rental money to the tax fund. The records prove the truth of these statements. Look on the back of your tax receipts from 1917 to 1921, inclusive, and see for yourself. The figures are perfectly legible.

Gates' administration was the most wasteful and profligate of any that Medford has ever had. The Gates administration wrecked Medford's \$500,000 water system, which was then less than 10 years old, and abandoned the water to Pat Welch's irrigation system; the Gates administration ran the city of Medford more than \$50,000 further in debt; the Gates administration brought about the "Hanson Refunding plan" which consolidated the paving, sewer and water main assessments, etc. In this consolidation scheme, in the neighborhood of one million dollars in bonds were issued. They were long-term bonds, drawing six per cent interest. Pop Gates was delegated by the city council to sell these bonds. At this time, the bond market was exceedingly good, and many little cities the size of Ashland and Grants Pass were selling five per cent bonds, in some instances at a premium. But Pop Gates had a romantic report to make, which was spread under a "screamer" on the front page of the Medford Mail Tribune. Pop reported that on a trip to Pelican Bay he met some bond buyers from California, and they climbed up on Eagle Ridge, and sat under a juniper tree one moonlight night, and thereupon these California agents bought all of Medford's bonds; the best bonds that were ever issued by any town, all of them drawing six per cent interest, knocked off and sold by Pop, under a juniper tree by moonlight, at par. Leastwise, that is what the city received for them.

Soon afterward he commenced the structure of his large concrete business building on Riverside avenue, also his swell residence on the Queen Anne Heights. Pop's political ambitions expanded, for he forthwith became a candidate for governor. Since then, he has been a member of the State Fair board, which he lost while Olcott was governor; then Governor Patterson appointed him as a member of the highway commission, but he lost this position after Governor Meier was inaugurated, and the governor explained why.

Indeed, Pop Gates is some financier—not only in public but in private business. If you disbelieve this, look up the records for yourself, and you will find that he is now in debt in mortgages, judgments, and delinquent taxes, in a sum approximating \$90,000.00. Here is the record taken from the Jackson county records. Read this and decide whether or not you wish to place this kind of a financier as head of all the financial affairs of Jackson county:

C. E. Gates, et al, to Spokane Savings and Loan Society, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 3, Old Town of Medford; mortgage, January 5, 1927; consideration, \$40,000. (Vol. 75, page 85, Mortgage Records.)
C. E. Gates, et al, to Jane Kent, part block 4, City of Medford; mortgage, dated June 26, 1928; consideration, \$8,500. (Vol. 85, Mortgage Records, page 114.)
C. E. Gates and wife to Jackson County bank, lots 10, 11, 12, block 9, Queen Anne addition to Med-

ford, subject to mortgages in favor of Union Central Life Insurance company, for \$5000; mortgage, dated January 29, 1931; consideration, \$8,420. (Vol. 94, page 317, Mortgage Records.)
C. E. Gates and wife to Union Savings Life Insurance Co., lots 10, 11, 12, block 9, Queen Anne addition to Medford; mortgage, dated October 16, 1930; consideration, \$5,000. (Vol. 91, page 617, Mortgage Records.)

C. E. Gates and wife to Farmers and Fruitgrowers bank, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 3, City of Medford; mortgage, march 9, 1932; consideration, \$9,252. (Vol. 96, page 88, Mortgage Records.)

C. E. Swallow vs. C. E. Gates and H. Hutton; judgment, July 9, 1932; \$8,216, costs \$61.90.
Wm. Laing vs. C. E. Gates, et al, transferred from Benton county; judgment, August 5, 1932; \$2,254.57, costs \$168.

DELINQUENT TAXES

TAXES—Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 3, Medford:
1930.....\$1,652.88
1930 (personal, Att.) 910.83
1931.....1,630.16
TAXES—Lots 10, 11, 12, block 9, Queen Anne addition, Medford:
1930.....\$325.92
1931.....312.44

TAXES—Apple street property, Medford:
1930.....\$132.10
1931.....130.29

Independents Swarm As Fehl Addresses Jacksonville Fans

Approximately 100 persons—not deducting Jackson county's liberal crop of independent candidates—gathered Tuesday night here to hear Earl H. Fehl give vent to his views on the political situation and explain why he believes he should be the next county judge. His speech lasted about an hour and culminated in a general handshaking which resembled a family reunion at the little church on the crossroads.

National, state and county miscarriages and abortions were dealt with, dissected and the proper remedy—election of himself—explained by the republican nominee for county judge during his stump in the old county courthouse. Few fireworks were set off for the expectant audience and applause at the end of the session was scattered. The talk was wound up with an appeal for contributions to offset rental charge of \$5 for the hall, which belongs to Jackson county.

After the talk Jacksonville's portion of the audience was buttonholed by the score or more independents present who seem to follow public gatherings like barflies around free lunch. The male portion of the listeners, for the most part, retired to the Sunnyside Athletic clubrooms to elect Little Earl and assure themselves there was no opposition to be feared. Right wing of the club, however, threw a dissenting opinion into the discussion and swung sentiment toward the opposite party, it is alleged. The members finally compromised by both factions condemning the independent aspirants who are attempting to wrest the judgeship from the regular party warhorses.

The matter was pigeonholed by the Athletic club political committee to be taken up again November 9 and the local voters were casting about at a late hour last night for a fresher topic of conversation.

Some of those who spend their time trying to improve others could stand considerable self-improvement.

One of the blessings of a moderate business depression is that it chills excessive optimism. Many business men would expand themselves into bankruptcy if they could get sufficient credit from bankers and machinery builders. In fact, undue expansion of productive facilities is a major cause of depression. Thus the evil is its own corrective.

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S-T-A-T-I-C

By JOHN BYRNE

Where was Jackson county 20 years ago?
Answer—Near Medford.

History records some instances in the past where people have talked themselves to death. History may repeat itself here on November 8.

G.O.P.—GREAT ON PROMISES!

A Portland guy thought his dodge was faster than his wife's delivery. It wasn't.

A candidate's delivery may be rather deceptive, but his wind-up is very easily figured out.

ADVICE TO HUNTERS

Shake well before taking—aim. If hit too hard, it is hard to hit—the game.
If knees are weak as day-old brew,
Just pass the buck to the mount—dew.

The American people now have a wonderful opportunity to practice faith, hope and charity.

The depressions in the hills are full of hunters trying to iron out the wrinkles with doe meat.

We knew times were pretty bad, but we were surprised when sawbones got all het up over poor old Uncle Sam administering a little needed medical attention to a suffering public. The next thing we know, the Undertakers Benevolent society will be registering a kick at the slow process of malnutrition.

Green Hunter (coming into camp): I bet I got the biggest tow head you guys ever saw.

Cook: Yeah, they must be pretty tame in this neck of the woods.
Green Hunter: Yes, the old doe was ear-marked and had a bell on.

The utterances of some of our candidates sound like an old phonograph record, dug out of the attic.

The cattle are coming out of the hills. Ed Binns is still fighting the beef trust. Hoover steers the ship of state and the cow man states the steers to ship.

It looks like Doc Keene has pulled a fast one. He is well qualified to fill the position and we hope his efforts will be crowned with success. Wilson will no doubt give a good account of himself. We hope any little differences which may arise will be bridged over, and neither one will look down in the mouth.

We are not able to figure the play on Pop Gates, whether it will

be a plain hunt, or hit and run. With two already on, he may automatically go out on a Pop fly.

Some of the candidates may think they have the ball hidden, but the voters are keeping one foot on the base and waiting for November 8.

This is the first honest-to-God depression we have had for a long time, and the first some of us have ever witnessed, and we propose to get all the enjoyment out of it possible. The editor has intimated in no uncertain language that it would be nothing more than good sportsmanship to ease up on Hoover, but we beg to differ with him. Hoover is into it, and must run the gauntlet and take his medicine. He has been a big target, and a good sport, and has taken his razing gracefully. It would be a shame for the American people to set up a new target now in these days of economy, when the old one could be whitewashed over and made to do another four years.

HIGH SCHOOL PAPER STAFF READY FOR DUTY

Publication of a semi-monthly high school paper is scheduled to start within a few weeks, it was announced this week. Staff for the publication, which has not yet been given a name, will include the following: Andy Smith, editor; Remo Klime, assistant editor; Hannah Nunn, business manager; Bernadine Arnold and Vivian Card, exchange editors; Charles Ward, sports editor; Alice Walton, assistant sports editor; Valera Winningham, society editor; Doris Clark, advertising manager.

Printing of the paper, which was a decided success last year, will be handled by the typewriting classes.

A man said, "As I get older I become less sure of everything."

Nature endows youth with unlimited self confidence. Otherwise the struggle might seem hopeless. By the time a man is 60 he has been proven wrong so often that frequently he is robbed of initiative. Only the strongest souls can keep their ideas fresh and their enthusiasm alive after they pass into middle age.

After 60 most of us should devote ourselves to teaching young men.—William Feather.

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FACTS---Not Promises!

In former years thousands of dollars of county money was lost in a bank failure. Two bank failures in Jackson county during my term as district attorney, involving \$125,000 of county funds, with absolutely no loss to the county.

There will be a reduction of 15 per cent in the budget for this office for 1933 under what it was for 1932.

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