

'YOU GET JUST WHAT YOU VOTE FOR'

The Editor Speaking

It probably is professional discourtesy to cross pens with a county judge who has scarcely had time to warm the plush of the executive roost, but we wish to disagree with Earl Fehl on one of his proposals which he claims will "save Oregon taxpayers millions of dollars."

At present the state census tax, which is levied in each county and paid into a general county school fund, calls for the raising of at least \$10 per head for each minor resident therein between the ages of four and 20 years. Fehl proposes to change the age limit to include only those of school age—six years to 16—and thereby believes he will save taxpayers gigantic sums yearly.

However, Fehl in his peculiar way of thinking, does not realize he is putting the cart before the horse. He can't see that cutting off the source of supply of school money does in no way lessen the cost of education in Oregon. He seems unable to grasp the fact that, if revenue from school census is lowered a sixth, that same difference will have to be made up in the school district.

Here's how it would work out in Jacksonville, should Fehl's proposition be written into Oregon law:

This year the Jacksonville school district will receive, under the present law, about \$3000 from the census tax raised over the entire county. With the age limits changed to Fehl's plan, but \$2500 would be received by the Jacksonville school district.

Yet, it is easy to see, this change in no way affects expense necessary to educate students, and the \$500 difference would have to be made up in the Jacksonville district itself or there would be a deficit.

We are afraid Little Earl's "horse sense" had jumped the halter and was out in the pasture when he penned his suggestion that young Ed Kelly use his influence to put such legislation in the statute books.

And here's another angle to look at. It takes the entire county to make Copco what it is, yet the Prospect and Gold Ray districts reap the benefits of the public utilities whereas the rest of the county, which pays light bills just the same, is almost left out in the cold when it comes to obtaining funds from public works located in other school districts. Under the present taxation scheme, the census tax is about the only means of distributing a fraction of the Copco contributions to all districts of the county.

If Fehl's suggestion were put to law, this county-wide distribution would be even less. Our efforts toward redistribution of tax money should be in the opposite direction, for although Prospect and Gold Ray have the actual power plants, the entire county makes their erection and operation possible.

But don't ever let anyone kid you into believing that, by reducing income, you can save money. The place to start thrift is not at the receiving end but the disbursing point—saving is accomplished by spending less, not by collecting less.

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'What Else Could You Expect of a Yellow ?X!!' Chants Editor

The common sense and fair mindedness of Sheriff Gordon Schermerhorn prevented two respectable county citizens being cast into prison Wednesday night when warrants were issued at County Judge Earl Fehl's order for the arrest of former County Judge C. B. Lamkin, and former County Commissioner Victor Bursell. When the warrants were served yesterday they were found to be faulty, as a circuit court seal had been put on a county court summons.

Sheriff Schermerhorn's failure to serve the warrants Wednesday night, and his further refusal to explain to reporters what had happened in the case, drew the fire of L. A. Banks, local editor, who is reported as saying, "Well, what could you expect of that yellow"

Sheriff Schermerhorn served the summons on Judge Lamkin yesterday, which was found to be faulty. New warrants were issued for the arrest of the two which were given careful scrutiny by Judge Fehl, and were taken out by Sheriff Schermerhorn for service. The warrants ordered Judge Lamkin and Bursell to appear at 2 o'clock Friday for hearing before Judge Fehl on contempt of court charges.

Judge Fehl refused to allow Lamkin and Bursell to appear by

WILL INSTALL NEW 35-TON STRAUBE MILL

Present Medford Mill Failure;
Expect Installation Ready
About February First

Failing to handle more than a third of its rated 25-ton capacity, the Medford mill installed here by the Jacksonville Gold Mining company, limited, last summer will be junked.

Operation of the mill, which was equipped with a regrinder, plates, concentrating table, crusher and three bins, ceased more than a week ago and is not scheduled to resume until a new unit, a 35-ton standard Straube lip-cone mill, is installed. It is expected that February 1 will see completion of remodeling equipment and installation of the new mill, which will be shipped from Seattle.

L. Houghton, general manager and superintendent of the company, C. A. Whitney, president, W. M. Barrie, secretary, and A. J. Kochberg, engineer, returned from San Francisco Sunday morning, where they arranged for the new Straube mill, which carries an absolute guarantee with it and is of proven type and in general usage throughout the west. Officials of the company proceeded on to Seattle early this week to complete the transaction and to start the heavy unit on its way to the banks of Jackson creek, where it will be used to reduce ore from the Old Town mine, which is under lease to the mining company.

Unlike the present mill, which is of Medford design and manufacture, the Straube outfit will utilize heavy balls which will do the actual crushing of ore, and has the advantage of built-in classifiers. Ore will travel from this unit directly to amalgam plates and concentrating table, with no reclassification or regrinder necessary.

The term "lip-cone" comes from the fact that interior of the mill, a cylinder, is fitted with huge cones which return too-coarse ore to the center of the mill for further reduction as the entire apparatus revolves. Screen classifiers are located at the lip of the cone, where ore ground to the desired mesh travels through the screen and onto amalgam plates. Much heavier and larger than the equipment now in place in the mill shed, the Straube mill should increase handling of ore several fold. The mill to be junked has been handling about eight tons daily of its rated 25-ton ability.

Not only had the first mill installed failed to handle its advertised capacity, or a fraction thereof, but it also was temperamental, not being adapted to cold weather when water was wont to freeze on classifier screens outside the unit. Failure of the Medford mill had been freely predicted by local mining men experienced in milling gold.

OREGON CITY—(Special)—Results of banding trees with medicated codling moth tree bands in an orchard where worms were kept under good control this year were obtained this fall on the Luther Folker place at Eagle creek. Five bands there produced only a total of 24 larvae when examined, ranging from two to eight each. In badly infested orchards hundreds of larvae have been captured under each band.

their attorneys, and demanded the two men appear before him personally. Onlookers in the courtroom scented viciousness in Judge Fehl's order.

Attorney M. O. Wilkins, of Ashland, was appointed by Judge Fehl to represent the county court in place of District Attorney George Coddling. Attorney Wilkins was the independent candidate for district attorney who was supported by L. A. Banks in the recent political campaign, and the candidate who was denounced by Judge Fehl, during the campaign, as unfit to hold public office, and weak-kneed enough to be bossed by the bar association. Attorney William Briggs, representing Lamkin, protested Wilkins' right to serve the county as district attorney on Judge Fehl's appointment.

The charge of mutilating public records, upon which the warrant of arrest was served, is based on the action of Commissioner Bursell and Judge Lamkin in signing the court journal on Tuesday, January 3, for the actions of the county court on last Saturday, the last day of their term in office. The transcript of the court activity was not written up until Tuesday, according to members of the county clerk's staff, due to a last minute rush to complete other work, and the issuance of several hundred relief payroll checks.

Comic Opera Court Disregards All But Grandstand Moves

Spite Proceedings Occupy Time of New County
Judge While Unemployed and
Hungry Wait.

County Judge Earl Fehl yesterday announced that "as far as I am concerned, the county court is adjourned until the first Wednesday in February." This was Judge Fehl's answer to a question, put by Commissioner Emmett Nealon, as to whether the county court was in session. Judge Fehl said the matter being heard before him at the time was criminal in nature, and not a county court proceeding.

Following Judge Fehl's declaration that as far as he was concerned there was no county court in session, Commissioners Nealon and Ralph Billings retired to another room and formally opened the county court, with Billings acting as judge in the absence of Judge Fehl. Several matters of minor importance were heard, including the order to withdraw Clyde Ward, brother-in-law of L. A. Banks, as custodian of the county machinery. Rosebury had refused to turn over the keys and building to Ward, as Ward was not armed with a regular court order, and the decision of the county court was to clear up the matter. Under the law, Rosebury was responsible for the machinery and buildings until such time as he was properly ordered to leave it. The order of Judge Fehl, without the consent of either commissioner, was not proper authority, according to law.

Starts Tong War



Emmett Nealon, appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of County Commissioner Barneburg, was the unintentional cause of a county tong war. Ever since his choice by the retiring county court officers have been fighting hammer and tong.

Commissioners Nealon and Billings instructed Sheriff Gordon Schermerhorn to inform Ward his service as custodian of the county machinery was ended, and to remove his deputy sheriff's badge, at least as far as the county court was concerned.

Ward, besides being a brother-in-law to Editor Banks, to whom Judge Fehl owes a political debt, has served for several years as foreman of the Suncrest orchards, of which Banks is the chief owner and manager.

Ward was placed in charge of the shops, according to Judge Fehl. (Continued on page four)

Once Too Often

By LLEWELLYN A. BUNKS

"Do Two Lies Make One Truth?"

Please, Mr. Hogwallow Blatter editor, please! Our pride!! You ain't polite a'tall to a brother editor. Just because we discovered you had no copyright on certain journalistic breaches is no reason why you should paint a glowing picture of wealth, financial backing and subsidies which we simply can't live up to.

Why, we're not only hog-tied by the Mail Tribune job department but we're also (worse luck) indebted to it. S. Sumpter Smith, that innocent-as-a-lamb Medford power, as you characterize him, certainly has strings on The Jacksonville Miner. He not only furnishes the type, paper and press for the publishing of this sheet, but he also charges REAL MONEY (something you never handle, we believe) for the service. And if we don't get our account paid-up pretty soon, it looks as though he'll own a little weekly newspaper.

But we regret to inform you, as usual, your paranoiacal deductions are, like the Jacksonville watershed, just naturally all wet. And if you should ever chance to actually see Mr. Smith following us around on our weekly visit to advertisers, it will be on collection day.

And that dinner you mentioned in your prevaricator's annual—we'd like to inform you that the D. H. Ferry you mentioned as present was at the time in Seattle, Washington, some 700 miles away; we have never met O. C. Boggs ourselves, and have never walked down the street—any street—as much as 50 feet with S. S. Smith in our lives. Of course we understand you care not what the true situation is, because you know as well as we do ourselves that every statement you have made about The Miner and its "powerful financial backing by the Medford Mail Tribune and the Gang" is falsification and a deliberate lie.

You have but one defense for making such untrue accusations, and that would be your paranoiacal cerebrum, which seems to have an unbounded proclivity for thinking "everyone is a crook but me and thee, and I smellest glue on thy fingertips."

In your extreme egotism, you just simply overlook the fact that our purpose in attacking your Hogwallow Blatter is an honest desire to protect the erstwhile happy Jacksonville county residents from your poisonous tongue and pen. Your attitude in this matter is a direct parallel to your conceited appraisal of your worth to Oregon as a senator. But somehow the rest of the people in the state always manage to be out of step with your self-centered plots.

And it appears significant to us that any article which should treat you as you have treated your neighbors should be, in your estimation, "scurrilous, indecent, slanderous and attempted blackmail." Yet our accusations and attacks upon your lopsided nature have just begun, whereas you have been stinking Jacksonville county affairs to the high heavens for three years.

As usual, your alleged tie-up between The Miner and the Mail Tribune is fantastically elaborate and flimsy—and completely without any proof whatsoever. Your entire case is founded upon the belief that your only enemy in Jacksonville

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The Philosopher

Last week we promised to give you primitive man's answer to his first question. Surely a lot of questions confronted him and, fortunately for us, he was an inquisitive fellow.

Let's visit him in his damp and gloomy cave. Just emerging from the gray dawn of his intelligence, his reasoning powers were very limited. His existence surely was a dreary one. It is doubtful if fire had been discovered and with the wild beasts roaming the forests where he gathered his food, life was harsh and cruel. Even nature was unkind. Storms or quakes would crumble his cave-home, often with fatal results to the cave group. Hand to hand combat was his only means of defense. Naturally he was puzzled and asked a lot of questions—all to be answered by himself with his own limited thinking ability.

Naturally his first question had to do with self-preservation. When in search of game so many things happened that he

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Former Resident Dies in Medford Friday

Emma Alice Ulrich, 69, a former resident of Jacksonville, passed away at her home in Medford Friday morning, December 30, after an illness covering the past three years.

She was born in Plymouth, Indiana January 18, 1863. She came to Jacksonville with her parents at the age of 12 years, and was united in marriage to William Ulrich June 4, 1884, later moving to Medford. She leaves her husband, William Ulrich, who is seriously ill at the present time, two sons, Leo Ulrich, Sheridan, Wyoming; Earl Ulrich, Prospect; Mrs. H. E. Carnell, Klamath Falls; Mrs. T. A. Carlton, Prospect; Mrs. William Young, Medford, also four grandchildren, Maxine and Erlene Young and Thayer and Tommy Carlton.

Funeral services were conducted from the Sacred Heart Catholic church in Medford Monday morning, January 2, at 10 o'clock. Father Francis Black officiating. Interment was in the Medford I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Trudging in Rain, Couple Visits Ruch

Ruch residents glimpsed an interesting cross-section of the peculiarities of life a few days ago when a young colporteur and his bride trudged through the village in the pouring rain, both bearing upon their backs the necessities of everyday living.

Neither their destination nor the beginning of their journey was revealed to onlookers, but their untiring efforts in spreading the Gospel was evident, and many were the remarks concerning the lot this young couple had chosen. They left behind curiosity as to their plans when nightfall should come, yet they trod confidently down the road in the rain, probably secure in the faith which their calling had taught them.

The young man had frequented the Applegate before, and had spent much of his time visiting the remote sections of southern Oregon, particularly the coast regions. Previously, he had possessed a horse to take him on his mission work, but ill luck came along. The horse died, leaving him no method of traveling except to walk

WILL SWEAR IN NEW OFFICERS TUESDAY NITE

Take Steps to Further Chance
of Reconstruction Aid
on Water Bonds

Jacksonville's own political world will readjust itself to the new year next Tuesday night, when the new councilman and reelected city officers will be sworn in to assume their respective duties.

Peter Flick, the only new member of the city council, replacing Oscar Lewis, will become one of the city dads, and Recorder Ray Coleman, Treasurer Chitwood and Mayor Hartman will be resworn for the coming term. Other councilmen include Clint Dunnington, Jim Cantrall and Ed Severance, who also was reelected. Mayor Wesley Hartman will continue his "it has been moved and seconded" capacity for another two years.

Last Tuesday night's session, which was the last for the present council, tabled most action till the following week, but discussed a reply received from the Reconstruction Finance corporation relative to a loan on water bonds and decided to further efforts to secure federal aid. Acknowledgment was made of receipt of the application a few weeks ago and instructions on further steps to be taken were received which were interpreted by City Attorney Hanna to mean that Jacksonville will have to show the finance group that local waterworks are self-supporting and that revenue from the system would retire the bonds.

It is believed by councilmen that this can be done and another letter to Washington is expected to be prepared some time this week. It was pointed out that other cities similar to Jacksonville—and less deserving—have benefited from the reconstruction funds.

An interesting sidelight on Jacksonville's gold mining proclivities was brought out when it was reported to city officials that a bit of the yellow riches was filtering down into the city treasury from a lease to local miners. Note for payment of cemetery lots was extended for a year upon receipt of interest.

The special session next Tuesday night, January 10, will handle all new business, including selection of marshal, water and street commissioner and other matters concerning the city's business. There are several applications for the marshal and water positions, which might be split into two situations.

GOOD DEED IS NOT FORGOTTEN AT XMAS

The old quotation, "Give and ye shall be given," proved true for two Applegate men at Christmas time, when Santa Claus appeared in spirit, if not exactly in person, with a supply of provisions. There was pumpkin pie, fruit cake, cookies, candy, steak, bread and butter and sweet potatoes. The receivers were filled with the delight that a little child feels over some trivial fancy.

Somebody had not forgotten the time not long ago when one of these men had passed by and had relieved her, without charge, of her unpleasant task of splitting wood.

● Mrs. A. S. Kleinhammer spent Friday at the home of Mrs. Martin Stevens at Medford.

Bonfire Atop Hill Not Real; Britt Lights Send Out Greeting

Brilliant red flames, which apparently licked their vicious way to the heavens from atop a Jacksonville hill to motorists leaving Medford on the connecting highway proved, as the awed observer neared the old town, to be nothing more nor less than gigantic holiday decorations adorning the stately evergreen trees on the Britt property here.

The historic Britt studios, centered in the midst of a veritable fairyland of shrubbery, flowers, hedge and trees, have long been one of the show places of southern Oregon, and Emil and Molly Britt, in tune with the holiday spirit at Christmas time, several years ago inaugurated the custom of stringing many-colored electric lights on the trees fronting the homestead, which are visible for several miles from the floor of the valley.

Rising to a height of many feet, the modern decorations brought to the attention of hundreds of foliage which was maturing when the state's first pan of gold was washed out a few hundred feet below. The electrically-illuminated colored bulbs were a modern contrast to the house of photographic treasure the trees have been guarding for many years. The Britt studios, operated in the town's infancy by the parent of Molly and

Emil, contain what is acknowledged the state's most complete collection of historic photographs of people and scenes.

Visitors—who are welcomed by the Britt—have found galleries of rare old portraits preserved in a photographic studio kept intact since the days of Jacksonville's prime. Old lenses, cameras, back-grounds and equipment still are arranged as though in readiness for a beaming customer in high button shoes, seven petticoats and Merry Widow hat who might drop in from the bustling little mining center at any moment to "have her tin-type taken."

However, it is sad to note that few of the humans who gazed at the towering lighted trees—first with alarm, then with a glowing sense of seasonal cheer—comprehended the real enchantment and history of the surrounding grounds, or sensed the ghost of years gone by when candle-lighted Japanese lanterns replaced the present-day electrically-powered globes. Only a small fraction of those who noticed the Britt display grasped the significance of the Christmas message, and the importance Jacksonville played in the forming of not only southern Oregon, but the entire state of Oregon.