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The Editor Speaking

This is a great country. Just when a fellow thinks he has things going his way, they get him going.

We suppose, too, one of hell's worst punishments will be the inevitable greeting, "Is it hot enough for you?"

More than 70 per cent of Texas convicts have been tattooed, according to a newspaper report which proves that criminals, and not society in general, are the easy marks.

Yes, and if feminine styles continue their present trend, it won't be long now till we will catch Grandma struggling into Junior's sun-suit.

There's this much we can be certain of: The Blue Eagle aint no bird in a gilded cage.

And speaking of the bird, most of us'd rather have pin money than pin feathers, anyhow.

A pessimist is a person who will overlook nothing to underestimate.

Never let a bald barber get in your hair.

Going on a bender won't straighten out the kinks in life.

Things are coming to such a pass that the man who gets real equality in America is getting special privilege.

Those midwestern drouth sufferers should import a lot of those brain-trusters from Washington. We have it on good authority they're all wet.

There is a lot of talk about cleaning up the movies, but we know one personable young fellow in Medford who is much more interested in cleaning up in 'em. Eh, Eino?

Elections one day, dejections the next.

Every householder knows it is comparatively easy to make out a budget, but when it comes to raising the dough, it's sometimes hard to budge it.

Many men carry much weight, but little of it above the shoulders.

Talk is cheap, but not half as worthless as those who use too much of it.

No doubt a lot of those drouth-stricken dirt farmers back east are remembering, with a lump in their throats, childhood days when they used to make mud pies with downright extravagance.

Art (Hic) Powell of the Central Point American casts the slur that we have been apeing Clark Wood of the Weston Leader. Mebbe so, but about the nearest Art ever came to making a monkey out of anyone was the time he bought himself a sack of peanuts.

Readers of The Miner commented very favorably on this paper's change to white newsprint last week. We suppose the next big improvement they'll endorse will be the eradication of this column.

Applegate's Social Whirl Takes Turn

Whether its a sign of winter approaching or that Applegate folks simply refuse to let the sizzling thermometer bother them or whether its a sign of something else is hard to determine, but at any rate the Applegate has been socially inclined during the last week.

Mrs. John Byrne and daughter Gladys entertained about 40 local friends with a dancing party at their home Saturday evening. Music was furnished by Orval Mayfield and Miss Byrne.

Mrs. Harold Crump entertained with a similar party at her home on the same evening in observance of the end of harvest season. About 50 guests enjoyed the evening, with dance music by the Purcell players.

Mrs. W. B. Harlow of Big Applegate invited a small group of relatives to her home Saturday evening for dinner in observance of her birthday anniversary. Sunday members of the Applegate Home Extension unit held a picnic at the Star Ranger station, with swimming as the main event of the afternoon.

Invitations were extended several days ago for an afternoon party which was to be given Wednesday of this week at the home of Mrs. John Matney in honor of Mrs. Lee Matney. Hostesses were to be Mesdames Ray Offenbacher and Leon Offenbacher.

GATE SCHOOLS PREPARE FOR OPENING 10TH

Watkins, Little Applegate and Beaver Creek Will Open Doors Monday; All Others Start Week Later

School buildings of the Applegate are undergoing repairs and thorough cleaning in preparation for the opening of school within the next two weeks. Seats and desks at the Applegate school have been refinished, for which the school improvement club there was responsible, and a pump has been installed on the grounds by the school board, which also expects to place a fountain on the grounds. The Little Applegate school building is receiving repairs, and the floor at the Beaver Creek school house has been enameled. The majority of the schools here begin September 10, although Watkins, Little Applegate and Beaver Creek open Monday.

Three new teachers have been employed here this term: Miss Mary Beatty of Ashland at Ruch, Carl Ayres of Ashland at Little Applegate, and William Ludwig will teach the upper grades at Applegate. Mrs. Ludwig will retain her position in the school as primary teacher. Teachers reemployed are Mrs. Ina Purcell at Watkins, Miss Lucille Reeder at Beaver Creek, Miss Eleanor Maul at Uniontown, Mrs. George Brownlee at Sterling, Miss Mary Davies at Forest Creek and Miss June Rudd at Thompson Creek.

- Blackberry pickers are busy in the Little Applegate region.
- Mr. H. C. Lorton of Medford made a business trip Wednesday to Seattle, Washington.
- Bill (Screwball) Turner, brother of Mrs. Arthur Van Galder, got a rock in his eye while mining on the Jack Green place a few days ago, but no serious injury resulted.
- "If the big guys can do it, we can too," said Arthur Johnson as he and Donald Lash moped up the main street of Jacksonville with a shovel, a pick and a couple of gold pans. They were headed for Jackson creek to pan out some of that "yellow stuff" that has been flowing so freely around this city. They're just a couple of kids but they got a pretty good piece Wednesday afternoon, so let's all wish them lots of gold and no poverty. (Bill Johnson, reporter.)
- Miss Lorraine Offenbacher is spending the week visiting friends and relatives in Rogue River valley, including her grandmother, Mrs. Daniels at Medford; her aunt, Mrs. Emmett Klingie, of Eagle Point, and Miss Helen Knadler of Central Point.
- It is thought that Farmer Bill Carl is going to do a little farming, as he was seen passing through Jacksonville with a roll of barbed wire on his auto.
- Some of Jayville's sidewalk exporters might find employment at Ruch, where a siphon just completed refuses flatfootedly to siphe.

Volunteer Firemen Make Hurried Call To Local Outhouse

Prompted by a reddish glow in the heavens, the frantic dinging of the village fire bell and a peculiar odor permeating the air, Jacksonville's volunteer fire company made a hurried call to the Oscar Knox home on East California street Monday evening about 10:30. Fire ladders arrived to discover a backyard edifice enveloped in flames, threatening nearby buildings and sensibilities of neighbors.

With some gusto, and a roaring stream of muddy water from fire hose, the volunteers quenched the blaze and washed the charred two-holer from its moorings in less time than it took Fire Chief Ray Wilson to describe the incident next day. Although the "phone booth" was adjudged a complete loss, the hole in the ground was saved.

EVANGELIST SELTZER SETS REOPENING NITE FOR LOCAL MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 9TH

Opening date for meetings which will be held in Jacksonville by Evangelist L. M. Seltzer at the Norris store building has been set for Sunday, September 9, in the hope that turning point in hot weather will have been reached by that time, and to extend to those working in fruit harvest a greater opportunity to be in attendance at all meetings.

Mr. Seltzer will play and preach here five nights a week, beginning the 9th, and will continue his series of gatherings which preceded his departure for religious camp meeting in northern part of the state a few weeks ago. Mr. Seltzer is a noted pianist, and his playing has been one of the attraction in his local meetings.

NEW BEAUTY OPERATOR JOINS STAFF BOWMAN'S BARBER SHOP, MEDFORD

Miss Marie Hammerley, recently of the Brookside beauty shop in Kansas City, Mo., has joined the staff of operators at Bowman's beauty shop, announced Mrs. Carl Bowman a few days ago. Miss Hammerley comes to Medford thoroughly experienced in all lines of work, having served Kansas City's country club district for several years. Spiral permanent waves and manicures are among Miss Hammerley's specialties.

- Word has been received from the Rev. S. H. Jones that he will not be back from his vacation trip in time to fill his pulpit next Sunday, but there will be preaching services held at the local Presbyterian church nevertheless, it was announced yesterday, with the Rev. E. Iverson filling Rev. Jones' place for the day.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green of this city, Victor Del Mazo, representative of the Argentine government inspecting fruit handling in southern Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. B. Daly and Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Keeler of Medford spent Sunday on the Rogue fishing.
- Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lusk and son Gail and Ken Purcell of Jacksonville motored to Applegate Sunday.

CONSCIENCE OF OLD SOURDOUGH WAS FLEXIBLE

Honored Trade of High-Grading Was Event in Every Gold-Chasers Life Says Applegate Scribe

By J. C. REYNOLDS

As I have stated before, I have worked underground first, last and between times, 14 years altogether, in mines all over the west.

I have become acquainted with thousands of miners who follow mining for a business and with numbers of prospectors, many of whom work in mines for a change, or to make a stake to finance them through another prospecting trip, and I have yet to meet a man who would not "high-grade" under certain circumstances.

There may be men somewhere who would not high-grade. I simply wish to state that I never happened to meet one. I have heard men everywhere declare up and down that nothing could induce them to do such a thing, but these men had never been up against temptation when they said it and I have personally seen numbers of them fall and fall hard when the right opportunity was presented. The statement of anyone who has not been up against the real thing is not worth listening to. He doesn't know what he will do when brought face to face with temptation. He thinks he knows, but he doesn't.

The majority of these men were as honest as could be wished for in everyday life. So were millions of people in these United States until hard times gripped them on the one hand, while on the other the attempted enforcement of unwelcome prohibition offered a way for making quick and easy money by dealing in the illegal business of making and selling liquor.

Honesty is a virtue that, like everything else, can be overdone. Take the fellow who recently sent to the conscience fund in Washington the price of a cancelled postage stamp he had unlawfully used a second time 25 or 30 years ago. That kind of honesty is painful, and if I had to do business with a guy like him, I would be suspicious of every move he made. A man with a conscience like his ought to see a specialist and have it fixed.

But take these high-graders. If I owned just an ordinary mine and they were working for me, I would trust them to the limit, and my trust would be well placed. But put them in one of the rich gold mines, producing millions, with gold staring them in the face at every turn, working in it, handling it, living with it for eight hours every day and receiving the limited sum of \$3.50 for each day's hard toil, while the one or two, or three, owners of the property were becoming filthy rich without turning a hand, it is expecting too much of human nature to believe a miner will not high-grade a little now and then.

And in one of that kind of mine, even if the whole gang of miners

School Well Water Is Tested, Found O-K

Enough scarcity of bugs, at least those with unsocial tendencies, was discovered in well water at the Jacksonville school to receive a grade A rating from the state board of health, reported Stella W. Beach, secretary of the district. Samples of the drinking water were sent to Portland recently for analysis as a precaution by the local board in anticipation of opening of school here one week from Monday, September 10.

TENA JANE BROWN OF RUCH PASSES WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29

Tena Jane Brown, wife of Ray W. Brown of Ruch, died at the Sacred Heart hospital in Medford early Wednesday morning, August 29, after an illness of the past eight years. Mrs. Brown was born in Pike county, Kentucky, April 7, 1884, and had been a resident of Ruch for the past five years. She leaves her husband, Ray W., and three children, Arpha Gibson, Mrs. C. L. Clark, Klamath Falls, Mrs. Dixie Crawford of Medford.

Last rites will be held at the Perl funeral home today, Friday, at 10 a. m., the Rev. W. H. Eaton officiating, with interment in Log Town cemetery.

turned loose high-grading (as happens frequently) it would be just a drop in the bucket compared to what the mine was producing. I have seen miners in a fairly rich mine like the Atlantic, which produced about two hundred thousand in a short time, who, if they ran across a particularly fancy chunk of gold quartz they wanted, would turn it in at the office and offer to buy it out of their wages. And I have seen these same men in a mine like the Camp-Bird in Colorado, which sold for \$13,000,000, after having produced much more than that, where the tunnels and stopes resembled jewelry stores, who would get away with much more than their wages every day and think nothing of it. And there were plenty of mines where one would either have to play along with the gang and receive his share of the cut, or he wouldn't stay long. If he refused to stand in with the bunch, some fault would shortly be found with his work and he would be discharged.

All mine owners knew this was going on and some mines displayed large signs at the entrance to their mines offering good sized rewards for the apprehension of any high-grader, but that was all it amounted to. In one mine in Colorado there were many Italians and all were high-grading and the company knew it. There was also a big reward sign at this mine, too, but it was never enforced. An Italian would generally work till he had high-graded from \$1500 to \$2000 more than his wages came to, with which he could go back to Italy and be a rich man in that country.

Then he would quit and hit directly for Pueblo, where was a large Italian banking house which looked out for their welfare, transferring their money, obtaining passports and directing them as to the best way of getting home. The company knew they would go there the first thing they did, so when one quit the information was telegraphed ahead to the company's detectives in Pueblo, who simply waited till he had cashed in his bundle, then would take from him all the extra money he had above his wages and let him go on. No effort was ever made to prosecute the offender. With white men though it was a far different matter and many thousands of dollars disappeared through the connivance of clever assayers and in other ways. But bless your heart, in spite of all that, the four individuals who owned the property became multi-millionaires, so what?

I once worked at a mine high up in the Rocky mountains, which for the purposes of this story I will call the SP. The owner's name I will also allude to as Skinner. This Mr. Skinner had never done a day's work in his life. He had been born in the lap of luxury and at his dad's death inherited the old man's wealth. Workingmen, to his mind, were a necessary evil and ought to realize that he was doing them an immense favor in allowing them to work for him. Bascom, the old prospector who had discovered the rich ore body of the SP, had tried hard to avoid selling it, being fully aware of its possibilities. But it was too big a thing for any person of moderate means to handle. In some way Skinner had discovered the straits the old prospector was in and took a large advantage of them.

His first efforts to buy the SP claim were turned down, but finally it came to such a pinch that Bascom was forced to sell. So Skinner cleverly beat the old man down little by little until he parted with his bonanza for \$2000 cash and retained a quarter interest in the property to boot. He was soon relieved of his quarter interest and the greater part of his \$2000 cash by the astute Mr. Skinner, who simply "froze him out," and got his share for practically nothing. This is what is called LEGAL robbery. (Continued on page eight)

GRAND JURY TO LOOK INTO LOCAL ATTACK CASE

J. Noel Colby, 30, Bound Over to Grand Jury As Judge Coleman Hears Preliminary Arguments

Accused of criminally attacking a local 14-year-old girl July 3, J. Noel Colby, about 30, of Grants Pass, was bound over to action of the grand jury by Justice of the Peace J. B. Coleman at preliminary hearing late yesterday afternoon. Bond was set at \$1500, which was not furnished.

According to testimony by the complaining witness and her parents, Colby had taken three young children for an automobile ride and had given the two younger ones a nickel each to go up town for an ice cream cone while he and the 14-year-old Jacksonville girl drove to the cemetery. Testimony revealed that the crime was supposed to have been committed in a period covering not more than about 10 minutes.

Colby, who first met the complaining witness several weeks previous to July 3, had not been seen in Jacksonville until about a week ago, when he was identified and arrested on complaint signed by the girl's father.

Principal witnesses taking the stand for the state were local children, who identified Colby. Conviction on the charge carries a penalty, under Oregon law, of not less than three or more than 20 years imprisonment in state penitentiary, and is considered a serious offense.

Colby, a married man, now incarcerated in county jail awaiting next session of the grand jury, did not take the stand in his behalf. Mrs. Colby appeared in court with her husband.

Testimony also brought out the fact that the 14-year-old girl is not mentally developed or competent, possessing the mind of a much younger child.

Armory Grapplers Vie for Chance to Jitter Jumping Joe Savoldi

With a big name and big money in prospect for Mack Lillard's armory show next week, Sad Sam Lethers and George "Wildcat" Wilson were scheduled to sink fangs in this Thursday night's bill to decide which will be the better man to pit against Jumping Joe Savoldi, big-time wrestler scheduled to appear in Medford within a few days. A series of elimination bouts at the armory "rassle ring" have been held recently, with Jumping Joe as the Big Chance for the eventual elimination winner.

Although fans have been warming their palms an draping their vocal cords over Sad Sam Lethers, the rubber-legged giant from Texas, last week they saw their champion villain, old Al araskic, stay with the rolling-scissors cut-up for a full hour to open fans' eyes, and their hearts, to the old warrior's wares. Al and Billy Newman, last week's referee who irked the Russian to a face-slapping degree, were to appear as first performers on this Thursday night's bill of fare, while Lethers and Football Hero Wilson were dated for the top spot.

Capacity crowds have been packing armory ringside and balcony lately, and Promoter Lillard has taken the cue to import bigger, better and badder performers for his Thursday night embroglios, or wrestles, as an old-timer naively puts it. Shows starts promptly at 8:30, with low ringside rates and get-'em-while-they-last reserved seat sales continuing.

Big Business will have to make big money again, seems like, before little business makes a little money.—Weston Leader.

Us Americans cannot say we haven't a supporting government.—Weston Leader.

Harvey Scott

Great long ago editor of The Oregonian, Said Oregon Was the Fool of the Family. Oregon needs Capital To Develop Her vast resources; Yet foolishly, she Drives Capital away. That would gladly employ Thousands of men. Why not BE FAIR To Capital—Develop and BE GREAT?

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S'MATTER POP

By C. M. Payne



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