

The Editor Speaking

Had the supreme court's decision been different, the gold clause might have been gold claws.

Family rows remain family affairs only until a headline-hunting news service gets the details.

No doubt many working girls are convinced heaven is no gentleman.

Spring fever seems to be more prevalent as an alibi than a disease.

Government spending needs more heel and toe action and less throttle pushing.

According to news accounts, slot machines collected \$500,000,000 from the American public last year, proving the darned things do pay off after all.

SONS REVENGE ON OILERS 42-27

Led by the brilliant, slashing Cliff "Chief" McLean, Howard Hobson's Southern Oregon Normal SONS came roaring back from a Wednesday night defeat to down the Union Oil team from Portland, 42-27, at Medford last night in a benefit game to help raise expenses for the SONS trip to Denver.

A near capacity crowd, who came out expecting to see a duplication of the SONS 24-33 defeat at Klamath Falls Wednesday, saw instead an inspired McLean, playing the greatest game in his life, slash through a desperate Oiler defense for 10 precious points and drive the SONS onward to a second half rally that had the visitors dismayed by the ferocity of the attack.

It was McLean, covering the entire floor like a blanket, who enabled giant Wardlow Howell to blast in 19 points for high scorer after being held to three markers Wednesday night. It was McLean, rampaging down the court time after time to put the SONS in scoring position. And, it was McLean, fighting like mad, who broke up a majority of the Oilers scoring thrusts.

After a slow first half, which ended 15-10 for the SONS, the Hobsonites really began to click in the second canto. With McLean doing most of the feeding and Howell and Courtney the scoring, Union Oil defense quickly folded up. Ralph Cairney, who played a whale of a game for the Oilers after taking a terrific beating was forced to leave the battle midway the second half and from then on it was field goal after field goal.

Buck Grayson and Howard Grenier led the Oilers scorers with seven points each. The SONS' win last night made it three out of four for the season over the Oilers.

The lineups:
SONS (42) Union Oil (27)
Patterson, 6 Robe-rtson, 5
Courtney, 7 Thomas, 5
Howell, 19 Grenier, 7
McLean, 10 Cairney, 1
Jockisch, 0 Grayson, 7
Hughes, 0 O'Connell, 4
Braddock, 0 Brown, 0
Scott, 0 Inman, 2
Eagle, 0

Referee: Arthurs; umpire: Croxdale; timekeeper: Miller.

Ashland Guards Get Federal Inspection Monday at Armory

Battery B, 249th Coast Artillery, received high praise from Captain Louis D. Farnsworth, USA, who held federal inspection at the local armory last Monday night. Captain Farnsworth, who is stationed in Salem as regular army inspector of the national guard of Oregon, inspected the personnel in ranks, and witnessed bayonet combat drill, and riot drill. Pack rolling, first aid and military hygiene were demonstrated and the proficiency of the company in artillery practice was shown.

An inspection of the ordinance and quartermaster departments also was held, and the equipment and supplies found in good condition. Captain Farnsworth stated, Captain Clyde Young informs the Miner, that he found the personnel of an unusually high type of young Americans and well posted and well drilled.

Captain Farnsworth was accompanied to Ashland by Lieut. Col. Clifton M. Irwin, of Salem, commanding the 249th Coast Artillery and by Major Walter W. Abbey of Medford, commanding the second battalion of the 249th.

RETURN HERE AS EDITOR IS HOPE OF FEHL

While in Salem last week on business, William Grenbemer and Glen Laidley dropped into state prison, where they encountered Earl Fehl, now in charge of a new cell block there.

Laidley had taken a prisoner from Jackson county to the institution, accompanied by Grenbemer, and an interesting sidelight on Fehl's apparent attitude was gained when Grenbemer said he believed it is Earl's intention to return to Jackson county when discharged, where he seems inclined to "carry on" in the newspaper publishing business. This view, of course, was not confirmed, but is merely indicative of the answer to a question many county residents have asked.

According to the warden, and other prison officials, Fehl is unpopular with both his fellow prisoners and officials, but does have a fair job there. Llewellyn A. Banks is one of the more popular prisoners, still being employed in the laundry department.

It has been understood in Jackson county that the recent effort to effect a pardon for Mr. Banks was very nearly successful. Some sources close to state affairs have said that the then Governor Meier had signed the pardon but that, due to Assistant Attorney General Ralph Moody's and District Attorney George Coddington's watchfulness, Mr. Banks' release was prevented. With Governor Martin's announced intention of "using the pardon power sparingly," it is thought that the once fiery editor's chances of escape from serving his life sentence are slim during the present administration.

Grenbemer also remarked that most prisoners at Salem have the luxury of radio receivers in their cells, purchased by themselves or friends, of course, and that inmates are being cared for in a pretty comfortable manner.

New Penney Manager Here from Pendleton

Coming to Ashland from Pendleton Saturday, Paul Fennell assumed management of the local J. C. Penney store, replacing the temporary management of H. G. Dingsess of Chico, who replaced C. W. Fortmiller, recently resigned to take over Isaac's department store here.

Fennell, who spent nine years with the Penney company in Pendleton, expects to move his wife and son here within a few days, and has expressed great pleasure at the very apparent livability of southern Oregon, and the friendliness of its people.

Mr. Fennell's arrival here was coincident with the arrival of district manager for Penney stores, H. G. Daugherty.

County Ends Year With Black Ledger

Jackson county finished last year with a balance of \$1032.93 in its 1934 budget, according to the annual statement of the county clerk's office just completed this week. All major offices kept within their budget allowances, the report shows. The largest deficits were in amounts used for relief.

For the hospitalization of indigents, the fund shows a deficit of \$6842.12; for regular indigent care \$3384.39; for widows pension, \$1,112.80; for old age pensions, \$4965.13.

A deficit of \$214.12 exists in the coroner's office; watermaster, \$50.72; fruit inspection, \$290.04; Medford justice court, \$21.43. Ashland justice court, \$5.40, and the bounty fund was overdrawn \$1.50.

The receipts of the clerk's office for the year totaled \$20,118.25—a substantial increase over the previous year.

CAT SETS CITY'S POLICE AT WORK

How a mere cat set Ashland's municipal safeguarding machinery to clicking like a fine watch became one of this week's most interesting stories Tuesday evening at the home of O. R. Miller, 102 Granite street.

Shortly after dark, while Officer Dick Hall was patrolling city streets, a telephone operator heard what seemed to be cries for help coming over her wire. Immediately she called police but, receiving no reply, turned on a red signal light which broadcasts a summons to police in all parts of town. The cries continuing, the alert operator called the fire station, informing them of the distress sounds.

Firemen Joe King and Shorty Baldwin dashed for the vicinity of violence, thought to be an apartment house. In the meantime the operator had phoned manager of the apartment, and investigation disclosed nothing unusual there. The frantic sounds continued, however, coming over a two-party wire, so the operator dispatched the firemen, by this time joined by Hall who, too, had listened to cries over the wire.

Other party of the line was the Miller home and arrival there disclosed no lights, but the front door was unlocked. Hall entered, experiencing a mingling of anticipation and uncertainty. The tension was lessened, however, when a large cat was found objecting to confinement in a front room, where it had knocked over the telephone, lifting the receiver switch. The cat's resultant cries as it clawed at doors and curtains resembled frantic screams and great commotion over the phone.

The incident furnished an object lesson as to the presence of mind of the city's telephone operators, her police and firemen. While the city rests or visits, there are officers and persons employed in public service standing guard, ready to leap to action should some irregularity occur. Even to rescuing a cat in distress.

GOLD STRIKE MAY BE YEAR'S BEST MYSTERY

Like a yarn from a ragged-edge thriller comes the story of how a miner went into nearby hills and emerged a few weeks later with a fortune of \$16,500, yet such seems to be fact in the case of Jud Hittson, former Medford police officer now involved in a lawsuit which claims he removed that much in gold from the Lucky 13 mine just over the Oregon line on Elliott creek.

It was back in 1930 that one Ernest Bingham sued J. W. Purdue and Edwin P. Hughes concerning the Lucky 13 in Siskiyou county. Two years later the judge in the case wrote attorneys for both sides he would render a decision favoring both the plaintiff and defendants, which in effect would divide the property three ways. Then two years later counsel for Bingham's interests sought court action on the decision and it was discovered the judge had never completed his decision and that there had never been any legal settlement of the question involving the mine.

In the jumble, Hittson became successor in interest to both Purdue and Hughes and a few months ago started working several claims he held in the vicinity of the Lucky 13 and when he reputedly recovered a fortune in gold which allegedly was deposited in a Medford bank, plaintiff sought civil action in Siskiyou county again. After having been lost for two years, papers on the case were found and in three days a judgment was rendered based on previous action which had never been decreed.

A restraining order was placed on the "16,500" and 20 sacks of ore in the Medford bank, and suit resumed by the interested parties. Now the jumble has resolved itself into this:

The restraining order which forbade Hittson's removal of \$16,500 credited to his account pending disposition of the case found a mere \$8 balance in Hittson's account.

If the money ever existed, it is not known where it went, or how.

Although 20 sacks of alleged valuable ore were admittedly in existence, it is not known where they now are, or whether they contained ore rich with gold or barren country rock.

And if the money and ore is located, it is not known whether Hittson secured it on property of the Lucky 13—the litigated mine—or from one or more of his 16 claims in that vicinity, most of which have made showings of gold.

So, if you like to dope things out, just help yourself.

Pompadour Springs Purchase Authorized

An order granting the state bank superintendent, in charge of liquidation of the Citizens' National bank of Ashland, right to sell to the city of Ashland 56.75 acres of land for a proffered price of \$10,000 has been signed by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton. The land embodies the Lithia springs, owned by the Pompadour Mineral springs company, and upon which an encumbrance of \$17,142 exists as a judgment. Ashland voters at a recent election approved of the purchase by the city.

Another order giving the state bank superintendent the right to accept \$180 from the California-Oregon Box company, as a six months payment of interest on a note held by the bank, was signed. The order makes the interest rate six per cent, instead of eight per cent, and provides for interest payment at that rate in the future.

TWENTY BECOME ACTIVANS HERE

Pushing the Activan frontier nearly to the California line, Active International Saturday evening installed a group of 20 young Ashlanders as the southernmost unit of the fast-growing organization in a special banquet and dance at the Lithia hotel.

International officers, including George H. Simons of Aberdeen, Wash., Ed Douglas of Wenatchee, Charles F. Mann, William McAlister of Medford, and about 30 members of the Medford Activans. The group embraces young men under the age of 35, and is a development of service club movements in cities of the northwest, including Canada.

Charter members of the Ashland Active club, which is an outgrowth of the Ashland Service club, in existence since late last summer, are as follows:

Frank J. Van Dyke, Rolla Reedy, Bill Eberhart, Gordon MacCracken, Elmer Biegel, Stanley Arnold, John Billings, Dr. Wayne Wells, Earl Leever, Kenneth Madden, Wilbur Bushnell, Leonard Hall and Dr. Harvey Woods. Howard Hobson, Don Faber, Bob Dodge, Angus Bowmer, Harold Teale, Bob Ingle and George Hall also will be taken into the club, but were unable to attend the function Saturday night.

"Capitalizing on Enthusiasm," was the subject of the principal address by Prof. I. E. Vining, who defined enthusiasm as the "hum of achievement."

The new group was welcomed by Mayor Thornton S. Wiley, and Dr. B. G. Barkwill spoke on the value of service clubs.

A large sheaf of telegrams from other chapters, all joining in an extension of welcome to the new club, was read by Bill Eberhart, secretary.

Officers of the Ashland Service club were, with few changes, kept intact for the new organization. Frank Van Dyke remained as president; Rolla Reedy as vice president, and Bill Eberhart was transferred from second vice president to secretary. Gordon MacCracken relinquished his position as secretary to assume duties of the new treasurer. Elmer Biegel was made sergeant-at-arms and Trustees are Don Faber, Bob Dodge, Harold Teale, Earl Leever and Angus Bowmer.

HOME LOAN PLAN IS TALKED HERE

Between 30 and 40 southern Oregon contractors and city supply dealers met at the Ashland city hall last night for a discussion of the Federal Housing campaign.

Principal speaker of the evening was George P. Davis of the Lorenz company of Klamath Falls, who has been leading an active campaign in southern Oregon cities in behalf of the program. Mr. Davis explained in detail the methods of obtaining loans from the federal government for remodeling and improving properties, and those present expressed their desire to see an active campaign launched in Ashland for painting, shingling and general remodeling all homes which need such work.

Invitation was extended all home owners to consult their dealers for details concerning improvements.

Porter's Gas Station Under Independent Management Here

First established back in 1925, Porter's service station, 304 North Main street, a few days ago resumed independent management. The station had been leased to General Petroleum by C. I. J. Porter for the past two years.

DELINQUENT TAX PAYMENT IN JAN. \$110,000

Dog Owners Must Buy Tag By March 1 Lest Both Get in Doghouse

If payment of delinquent taxes is any indication of the general trend of conditions, then Jackson county is recovering her financial poise, according to Syd I. Brown, sheriff.

"More than \$110,000 in back taxes was paid during the month of January," said Brown this week, "and payments are continuing at a very gratifying rate." Action of the county in foreclosing on delinquencies for 1928, 1929 and 1930 have encouraged the flow of back tax money into the county's coffers, which is continuing steadily, although foreclosures have already begun.

"I would like to point out to those taxpayers who may be losing their property through foreclosure that the law provides a redemption period which expires April 4, this year. Until that date they may recover their property," said Sheriff Brown. The law makes every provision for the taxpayer to hold his property, and indications are those delinquents whose property has any value whatsoever will find some method of redeeming their land before that date. No doubt, when April 4 comes, about the only property Jackson county will have to own for non-payment of taxes will be logged off acreage and hilltops. There will be no unpaid taxes in Jackson county after then dating back further than 1931. The county will have either the land or the tax money."

Dog license collections also have been coming in at a fair rate, according to the sheriff's office, with about 400 canine tithes being paid to date. Brown pointed out that, after March 1, owners of dogs will be liable to arrest and fine of \$10 and costs, in addition to loss of their animals if licenses are not procured. Enforcement of dog license regulations has been placed in hands of sheriffs and city officials. Those dog owners who avoid arrest, but who voluntarily purchase dog licenses after first of the month will be assessed an extra penalty—to be determined by the county court—in addition to the regular charge of \$1 for male and \$1.50 for female dogs.

C. P. Talent, Ashland police chief, said this week his office had been authorized to accept dog license fees in Ashland for convenience of owners, and that a check-up of unlicensed animals would be made following March 1.

"Payment of dog licenses have been coming in rapidly here," Talent said yesterday, "and a willingness to cooperate with the law is being shown by Ashlanders which, if continued till first of the month, will relieve most dog owners of embarrassment and penalty later."

Little Symphony Will Present Concert 28th

Ashland's Little Symphony orchestra, comprising 40 pieces directed by Ward V. Croft, will present another of its famous concerts at the Elks temple Thursday, February 28. The concert will present a varied program featured by several supporting artists.

Funds derived from the public appearance, according to Croft, will be used to build up the organization. The Ashland Little Symphony orchestra is the only one of its kind in southern Oregon.

SEEN In A Daze

By OUR KEYHOLE EXPERT

W. M. WALLS and BILL EBERHART deciding they'd take the elevator after watching the human fly climb the Lithia hotel Saturday.

"CITY SOOPER" ELMER BIEGEL in a hustle.

DOC OESER watching his robot add up pennies for gasoline.

JOHNNY DAUGHERTY framed against a background of pink foundation garments.

HERB MOORE being the man people always see about a dog.

GEORGE GILLETTE and a grin and a tan car.



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