



The Editor Speaking

A critic seems to be a person who spends his time splitting hairs when he should be out splitting wood.

When a person shows us two faces we always remember the ugly one.

Judging from senate investigations, the first bonus army invasion of Washington came during the World war and was made up of steel and munitions makers.

While the populace has been howling about the great cost of naval preparedness, Oregon has been spending \$30,000 every year on the Battleship Oregon as a relic.

The lad who once was a clock-watcher in school now is the dashing young man with his eye glued to a speedometer.

People who spend much time attempting to regulate others' lives would help the world more by first regulating their own.

A Medford radio station recently had the fortitude to deny time on the air to a known agitator, but what puzzles us is how these crooners get by.

Advice and criticism are given freely, but often prove expensive, at that.

Kansas, reputedly the driest state in the union, has been defending her stand, and as far as many westerners are concerned, is quite welcome to take its own parch.

Art (Hic) Powell of the Central Point American declares Franklin Delano Roosevelt "took money under false pretenses" when he hornsoggled citizens out of their votes. Tsk, tsk, tsk, Art! You and Doc Townsend say such naive things!

SUGGEST JULY FOURTH SHOWS FOR ASHLAND

That Ashland might resume her place of dominance in southern Oregon Fourth of July celebrations was a suggestion offered by Angus Bowmer to a group of Active club members during their Wednesday dinner hour meet here.

"Ashland in the past has been widely known for her July celebrations, but during the past few years has permitted interest and activity in this direction to lag," said Bowmer. "Inasmuch as I have been considering preparation of a Shakespearean festival this summer, the thought occurred that this could be incorporated into a Fourth of July celebration. It is not too soon for Active club members, and other civic minded Ashlanders to start laying foundation for such an event, if it is attempted this year."

Another speaker addressing the Active membership was Louis Dodge, city park superintendent, who told of his recent tour of Pacific coast parks, and of a conversation with John McClaren, San Francisco, who designed both the Lithia park here and Golden Gate park in 'Frisco. McClaren, according to Dodge, declared the Ashland park the most beautiful he has seen in travels over the entire world.

Active clubbers Wednesday launched a membership drive which will culminate in a losing team's treat of the winners. Sides were designated with Elmer Biegel commanding a team including Stanley Arnold, Angus Bowmer, Bill Eberhart, Howard Hobson, Bob Ingle, Earl Leever, Gordon MacCracken, Frank Van Dyke, and Dr. Wayne Wells. Don Faber was given charge of John Billings, Wilbur Bushnell, Robert Dodge, Leonard Hall, Kenneth Madden, Rolla Reedy, Harold Teals, George Hall and Dr. Harvey Woods.

DEPUTY MOORE RETURNS YOUTH HELD IN OAKLAND

Deputy Sheriff Herb Moore of this city departed for Oakland, Calif., Monday night, where he took charge of Arva Lozier, 17, wanted in Medford on charges of grand larceny. He was arrested in Oakland, where he waived extradition proceedings.

Lozier is charged with stealing tools from Burst S. Stancilffe of Phoenix January 7, according to state police.

History affords no basis for believing that wealth will be used to any better social advantage should the have-nots dispossess the haves. —Weston Leader.

GRAND JURY'S LIGHT DOCKET HEALTHY SIGN

Jackson county's inquisitorial department—the grand jury—met Monday for the February term of circuit court, which is faced with a light criminal list for investigation and recommendation.

The grand jury, as drawn, includes Charles W. Hildridge, Talent; Everett H. Brayton, Jacksonville; W. P. Grimes, Central Point; Oscar Blackford, Central Point; William Bingham, Eagle Point; Harris B. Janes, Medford; and W. W. Williams, Rogue River. One of the jury's first cases concerned an involuntary manslaughter charge filed against Rosier P. (Red) Carroll, Medford service station employe, as the result of an auto accident there on February 19, in which June Rose Hanson, 13, sustained fatal injuries.

Compared to recent grand jury sessions which not long ago pondered libel, paranoia and ballot thievery, present session is suffering from a form of unemployment indicative of the county's return to a healthy, normal existence, free from excessive criminal cases. Two burglary charges which have been pending for several months will be considered, according to the district attorney's office.

Nab Drunken Driver Here; Jail Stay Meted

Arthur Gadischke, 28, from Chadron, Nebraska, was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in jail by Police Judge J. H. Fuller yesterday morning.

Gadischke was arrested Tuesday night on the corner of East main and Boulevard for drunken driving, by the city police. Unable to pay the fine, Gadischke will be forced to spend 81 days in the bastle, laying out his fine at the rate of \$2 per day.

Four Hillah Temple Members Represent Ashland in Klamath

Illustrious Potentate F. F. Whittle, Recorder R. E. Detrick, William Walls and T. P. Franco, with their wives were Ashland's representation at the dinner dance given by the drum corps of Hillah Temple, A. O. N. M. S., in the Willard hotel ball room at Klamath Falls last Saturday night. About 25 couples from the Rogue River valley were present. All report a most excellent time. The Ashland folks returned Sunday. Illustrious Potentate F. F. Whittle of Ashland, Past Potentate O. O. Alenderfer and Director Dade Terrett of Medford, will represent Hillah Temple at the Imperial Council sessions to be held in Washington, D. C., June 11, 12 and 13, 1935. Mr. Whittle informs the Miner that Mrs. Whittle will accompany him on the trip.

Ashland Greens--Abusive Wirephoto



Above photo, rushed by telephone and grocery truck, shows Ike R. Frideger mincing a few choice words over what some people charitably term golf at the Ashland course last week-end. As a golfer, Frideger is recognized as the Lithia City's most fluent linguist, and wood haulers have been known to follow him from hole to hole hopeful of a winter's supply of kindling when Ike starts hitting his stride, instead of the golf ball.

BRITE BOYS HIT 'FAW PAW,' NOW TO LEAVE STATE

It was a dark day for the Brite brothers when fermentation was invented, according to several peace officers, justice of the peace and townspeople of Jacksonville. Coke and John Brite, miners who when sober, are regarded as good citizens and are liked by their friends. But when in their cups they have strange visions of boxing gloves, super strength and a behavior tainted with dynamite.

It was but a few months ago when Coke and John made away with the then marshal's handcuffs. Later they cleaned a drummer and extracted two teeth without the benefit of anaesthetic and shortly after that they objected to a businessman's refusal to serve them beer and committed an indecency, which culminated in wrestling and fighting which lasted until dawn. Their fistic escapades were well punctuated with court appearance, jailings and fluent promises to do better next time. But they always forgot to tell the judge they intended to better at fighting.

So last week, when they were in their hiccupps, the Brite brothers were refused more "firewater" and they promptly set to cleaning out "de jernt." It was back to jail and a good night's rest until Saturday, when Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman, Medford, looked over the brothers with an expression which amounted to six months in jail and \$50 fines.

Henrietta B. Martin's \$39,500 'Damage' Suit Flops in Federal Court

It was Henrietta B. Meddlin again to Federal Judge McNary Monday when he sustained demurrers to the \$39,500 damage action filed by Mrs. Henrietta B. Martin against Mrs. Blanche Virgin, operator of radio station KMED. Judge McNary's action placed the proverbial skids under the former "Good Government" congress' suit for damages allegedly sustained when Mrs. Virgin refused her time on the air Christmas day.

The suit, filed some time ago in Portland by Mrs. Martin, elicited comment in some quarters and was accepted as a gesture of renewed hostility along the "good government" front. Attorneys Evan Reames and H. K. Hanna represented the defendant in Portland.

As to common sense, it doesn't seem nowadays to be quite so common. —Weston Leader.

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However the Brite brothers, because of their dual personalities, were offered an opportunity to decamp from jail provided they decamped from Oregon as well, and it is thought they chose California mining districts as their objectives. Headlines from California papers are being watched with interest by Jacksonville residents, who wonder what southern Oregon reporters will now do for copy.

'Ten Nights in a Bar Room' to Be Given At Yreka March 8th

Ashland's American Legion farce, "Ten Nights in a Barroom" will hit the road again March 8 and the scene will be Yreka, California. It will be a one night stand but members of the cast are already enthusing like it's to be 52 weeks solid.

After raising a certain amount of havoc, hilarity and horseplay in Medford and Ashland before packed houses, the local Legion has finally wilted under the terrific pressure from over Yreka way and have condescended to provide split sides for an expected very large gathering of Californians.

POTENTATE'S BALL AT ELKS CLUB MARCH 8

The Potentates' annual ball of Hillah temple, A. O. N. M. S., is one of the big social events of the Rogue River valley. The ball this year will be held in the lodge room of the Elks Temple, Ashland, Friday evening, March 8.

Local Shriners are actively at work making preparations for the affair, under the supervision of Past Potentate W. H. McNair, general chairman. Other committees include:

Reception—Past Potentate John C. Thompson of Medford, chairman, and all past potentates of Hillah temple and their ladies.

Patrol Evolutions and Grand March—Captain Rex Burnett and Hillah Temple Patrol.

Music and Band Concert—Ward V. Croft, director, chairman, and all the members of the Shrine band.

Decorations—Millard W. Grubb, chairman, Glenn Simpson, Slade Songer and J. Sam Jordan.

Refreshments—W. F. Loomis, chairman, Leon B. Haskins, Past Potentate Thos. H. Simpson and William M. Walls.

Master of Ceremonies—Past Potentate E. C. Jerome, Medford.

Brilliant with uniforms and ladies' costumes the Elks' ball room will be a scene of beauty that night.

Washington Program Over KMED Is Liked

The George Washington broadcast made by the American Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary last Friday over KMED, Medford, was well recorded and greatly enjoyed by the radio audience of this community.

The instruments of the small orchestra, consisting of two violins played by the Misses Alice Coggins and Mary Louise Robertson, flute by Mrs. Bertha Denton, and cello by Chester Woods, were blended in a pleasing ensemble as they played the opening and closing number, "Trees," with Mrs. Fred Schuerman, soprano.

The orchestration for this selection had been written by Frieda Ernestine Hartley, pianist and music chairman.

Other numbers were selections sung by the Ladies' Auxiliary quartet, the Mesdames Edna Smith, Lew Hansen, Nell Dunn, and Jean Beyers; two cello solos by Chester Woods; and a reading in honor of George Washington by Post Commander Oscar Silver.

The next program to be broadcast will occur during National Music Week, from the 1st to the 5th of May.

Former Ashland Man Joins Miner Family

Seventy-one years of age, and still chipper enough to show these young printers devils how to juggle a type case in one hand and feed a press with the other, B. W. Talcott early this week assumed subscription and news gathering duties with the Southern Oregon Miner.

Talcott, a former resident, recently arrived from California. He is known by many here, having worked in the newspaper field in Ashland from 1910 to 1917. He was employed by Fred Wagner on the old semi-weekly Tidings when John McLoughlin and Bill Day were two of its mainstays. Talcott later purchased a job printing plant and continued on his own for some time. He has been in the newspaper and printing business during his entire lifetime, and is becoming a valuable addition to the Miner staff of workers.

A philosopher declares that "work takes our minds off our troubles." It could help more by taking our troubles off our minds. —Weston Leader.

TEARS FOR CITY WATER IS PAY OFFERED BY 4

Four out of 11 men against whom warrants had been issued for turning on city water without authority were in police court Tuesday afternoon. The water had been turned off on three of them because of large delinquent water bills. The fourth, a recent arrival, was said to have turned on his water without the formality of applying to the city.

All admitted guilt but pled justification. One declared that the city insisted on inside toilets and that he should appeal to the board of health to compel the city to furnish water. He, by the way, owns an acre tract.

Another said his children were crying for water. He said he did not care for himself, he could drink something else, but his children had to have water. He did not say what he would drink that was cheaper than water or how he would pay for it. He admitted having an auto and said his wife paid for the license.

All said they were on relief, and one declared that if they turned the water off he would turn it on again. Practically all declared that if they were sent to jail the city would have to care for their families. Judge Fuller took the cases under advisement until the other 11 defendants could be brought into court.

City Superintendent Elmer Biegel told a Miner reporter that over \$4000 in delinquent water rental is on the books; that if the city is to meet interest and principal on its water bonds it must collect this money.

One man, against whom a warrant had been issued, was in the office when the reporter was there and declared that the city might better give citizens free light than to give the juice back to Copco. Mr. Biegel stated that the city gave no juice back to Copco; that there is no stand-by charge and no minimum. The city pays the company for what it uses and no more. If the city gives it to citizens it must pay for it. He told the reporter that Copco at present furnished about one-third the juice Ashland is using and the city manufactured two-thirds.

A smile went round the courtroom Tuesday when someone asked how many of the delinquents had dogs. None admitted it and none denied having canines. The cases are the outcome of a long attempt to be lenient with water users and at the same time keep the city water department afloat without raising rates to those who do pay.

Mr. Biegel states that the city some years ago attempted to help poor water users by permitting them to work out the delinquent water rent and that the result was a failure. Parties deliberately and unnecessarily let water rents become delinquent and thus built up the large amount due. Many of those working out water rents, while on the job, were not willing to do a fair day's work.

Beaver Creek Teacher Sustains Arm Injuries

Miss Lucille Reeder, Ashland resident who is teaching at the Beaver creek school on Applegate, sustained minor injuries to her arm Sunday evening when a car in which she was riding, driven by Stanley Raimer of the Star ranger station, overturned near Beaver creek. Being unable to stop on the narrow grade at the approach of another car, the driver turned his car into the bank to avoid a collision, which resulted in the upset. Mr. Raimer was uninjured, although his car was completely wrecked.

In the process of evolution it may be that politicians will revert to all fours because of keeping their ears to the ground.—Weston Leader.

S'MATTER POP By C. M. Payne



SEEN In A Daze

By OUR KEYHOLE EXPERT

SIX MEN being tricked into drinking milk at a stag party.

HENRY ENDERS being handed a bouquet, with the pot around it, at the Elks ball Saturday evening.

ART COOPER heh, heh, grinning all day Sunday.

A MAN blowing his own horn and making it sound like a GREEN one.

SAM JORDAN sprinkling alum on a fish story.

HELEN RICE very busy at being Helen Rice.