

The Editor Speaking

Those who never bury it, let the dead past kill the present.

Because some people can't put a balance down in their bank books, they want to put down capitalism instead.

Brain trusters who split hairs too fine end up by acting like they were hair-brained.

Fame and fortune turn some men's heads, while all it takes to turn others is a glimpse of a pair of calves over their shoulder.

There is no kitchen large enough to prevent two cooks from spoiling the stew, and no automobile safe enough for two stewards.

An Aberdeen woman, after firing three shots at her husband at close range and missing, was held for a sanity hearing when she should have been taken before an oculist.

About the only wages which need no insurance plan are those of sin.

When Dr. Townsend titled his \$200-a-month plan a "pension" he used faulty English. He should have said "dole" or "charity."

About the only thing most of us know—or care—about Little America is what a little Byrd told us.

With the prediction of rubber milk bottles in Chicago the other day, there remains but one early-morning nuisance to be quieted, and Mr. Waterbury had better get busy.

An old-fashioned person is one who still believes that not smoking a cigaret will give you a lift.

The trial of Insull should have been held in Little America, because it is apparent it'll be a cold day in July when he is convicted.

After diving for lifebuoy soap in the tub the thought occurs that whistling buoy might be a little more practical.

Perhaps if the stork had to enter by the front door he'd have a better chance of being scared away by the big bad wolf.

Art (hic) Powell of the Central Point American referred to President Roosevelt last week as "king." No doubt Art would like to see us democrats throne for a loss.

Ye Ed may be Oregon's horse-whipped, but no doubt Clark Wood of Weston thinks also we're buggy-quipped.

The only bucks easy to get nowadays are those constantly being passed to us.

The man who always wants the last word should make it a good one.

TEMPLARS HOST MANY VISITORS

Knights Templar from all over southwestern Washington gathered at the Masonic Temple in Ashland last Saturday night when the local commandery was host at an official visit of H. Toney, of McMinnville, grand commander. In the party with him were D. R. Cheney, Frank Glover, W. H. Bishop and Lloyd L. Scott, all of Oregon Commandery No. 1, of Portland.

Other visitors who were registered included W. E. Gretz, H. E. Jones, J. M. Brownlee, Donald Van Paul, E. E. Magee, E. M. Chilcote, all of Calvary Commandery No. 16, of Klamath Falls. A. W. Shubert, of Zion Commandery of Minneapolis, Minn., also was registered.

There were numerous sir knights from Grants Pass and other southern Oregon points present who did not register. Among the members of the local commandery present was E. M. Wilson of Medford, Grand Master of the Blue lodges (AF&AM) of Oregon.

The Temple degree was exemplified by the local commandery. Before the meeting a bountiful supper was served in the banquet hall.

Quoting Herb Hoover: "The country needs the republican party." But the country may require a lot of convincing.—Weston (Oregon) Leader.

At Roosevelt's mid-term we seem to be about mid-way up the difficult slope. It is no time to bawl out the driver.—Weston Leader.

LOBBIES AN AID TO GOOD LAWS SAYS BRIGGS

Local Attorney, Returned From Salem Session, Tells of Work

Written Especially for the Southern Oregon Miner By WILLIAM M. BRIGGS

The session of the Oregon legislature just ending has been one of the most hectic in the history of the state. The legislature was confronted with two outstanding rules to go by, first, the admonition by the governor that there would be "no new taxes" and second that the legislature must find \$3,000,000 in revenue to match federal appropriations for unemployment relief, "or else" no federal monies for relief would be spent in this state.

For the first three weeks the legislative assembly accomplished but little, especially since there were 44 members who had never been inside a legislative hall before, consequently it may be said that the first three weeks were spent in education. However, as the embryo lawmakers got their feet on the ground things began to happen, and we may say, on the whole, the result was not unsatisfactory.

Looking back at the session, we may note that unemployment relief was taken care of through further impounding of the revenues from liquor, though there will probably be some deficit at the end of the biennium. We find that the session made it much easier for anyone to pay or not to pay his taxes, for the session passed one measure cancelling interest on 1931 and 1932 taxes, and providing a partial payment plan for meeting the taxes for those years. It was also provided that there could be no foreclosure on taxes for 1931 and subsequent years until November 1, 1937, and a method was provided so anyone mixed up in a tax foreclosure could pay five per cent of the tax included in the foreclosure and gain six months grace. So by and large, it may be said that an additional premium was given the public at large for not paying their taxes, and those poor souls who have raked and scraped to pay their taxes and interest heretofore, can look with regret that they paid them, as a substantial gain could have resulted from waiting until the legislature convened. However, there is a strong presumption that the governor may veto the provision cancelling

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300 SHRINERS, LADIES DANCE AT ELKS FRIDAY

About 300 Shriners and their ladies "tripped the light fantastic" in the Elks ballroom last Friday night at the annual Illustrious Potentate's ball. The hall was beautifully decorated in colors of the Shrine and with colored lights. Before dancing there was a concert by the Hillah temple band, selections by the temple drum corps and evolutions by the patrol of the temple.

S'MATTER POP

By C. M. Payne

City Will Pay Off \$86,000 Bonds 1935

The city of Ashland will pay off \$86,000 in bonds during 1935, City Recorder Adams stated this week. "Why pay off bonds when everyone is so hard up?" was asked. To stop interest. Interest payments during the year 1935 will total \$26,622, which shows the need of reducing the indebtedness as rapidly as possible. The bonds to be paid are segregated as follows:

Auxiliary water bonds (Lithia springs and park) \$50,000; Normal school site, \$18,000; water bonds, \$10,500; refunding bonds, \$4000; Lithia pipeline bonds, \$2000; chautauqua bonds, \$1000; fire department bonds, \$500. These payments will wipe out the indebtedness for the state normal school site, the chautauqua improvement bonds, the Lithia pipeline bonds and the fire department bonds, and will reduce the city's bonded indebtedness from \$607,399.27 to \$521,299.27, making a corresponding interest saving of over \$4000.

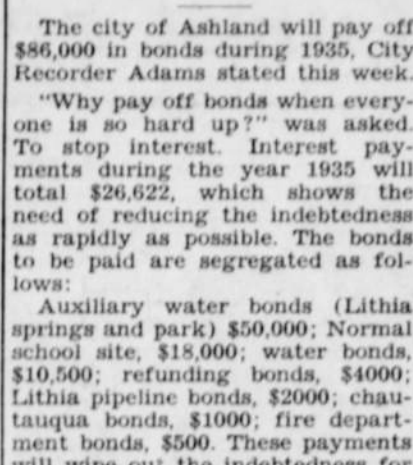
The city has on hand now, in various funds, more than enough cash to pay the bonds coming due this year as well as investments in bonds amounting to over \$57,000.

NATURAL GAS TO BE SHIPPED HERE LIQUID

Twenty-five to 30 men will be employed for about three months in making the necessary improvements for the introduction of natural gas in this district, Al Parr, local manager of the Southern Oregon Gas corporation informed the Miner. The work started this week.

A storage tank will be erected in Ashland on lots bought of the city at Water and B streets. A site closer to the business section had been selected but, after a visit of the representative of the insurance company the site a farther away was selected.

Blow Hard!



No, the above gent is not a snake-charmer, or a politician converting his gas to a good use for a change, but an Abusive Wirephoto of Art Madden, Ashland tire merchant, on his day off. "This certainly tires me," panted Madden as he hissed a guttural pound of ozone into the tube. (The Miner brings you pictures of news events even before they happen!)

CLAYCOMB SELLS EIGHT NEW FORDS IN FEW DAYS

First few days of this week, including Thursday, the Claycomb Motor company sold eight passenger and commercial vehicles, new, as follows:

Dr. R. L. Burdick, deluxe sedan; Arthur L. Coggins, touring sedan; Otis Elliott, deluxe coupe; Donald E. Faber, regular tudor; M. L. Mazarria, deluxe sedan; Erford Poole, regular coupe; Burke brothers, v-8 truck; Pacific Fruit company, v-8 truck.

50 Divot Diggers Here for Blind Bogey Golf Sunday

At least 50 golfers from Yreka, McCloud, Weed, Klamath Falls, Medford and Grants Pass Sunday will take part in an invitational tournament as the first real activity of the 1935 season here. It will be a blind bogey tournament, each player choosing his own handicap.

A number of prizes will be given, according to Dom Provost, chairman in charge of the event, and will include a special prize for the longest putt on the No. 9 hole.

A special exhibition match has been arranged between Chet Wolters of the Groceteria, and Fred Taylor of Taylor's restaurant, and S. E. Archibald, local Copco manager and H. L. Claycomb of the Claycomb Motor company. It is expected the balls will fly high, wide and random in the contest and that it will attract a large field of golf fans. The tourney is scheduled for 4 p.m.

The Kingfish is quoted as saying: "For that matter I could run for governor and president both." We'd rather see him run for cover.—Weston Leader.

And they call it a work relief bill—as though work could be a relief!—Weston Leader.

'Hello' Company Pays Tax of \$8.67 On Each Oregon Phone for '34

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company Wednesday turned over to the tax collector \$15,516.15 in payment of its real and personal property tax in Jackson county. The tax in this county, before discount for prompt payment, was \$15,996.03.

Total real and personal property taxes of the company now being paid throughout the state amount to \$750,950, according to H. S. Aikins, local manager.

When other taxes—federal, franchise and miscellaneous—are included, the 1934 tax bill for the company in Oregon totals \$996,571, or \$8.67 per telephone based on the average number of telephones in service in 1934. This tax per telephone of \$7.37 for the company as a whole.

11 DELINQUENT WATER USERS PAY OR TO JAIL

The 11 men who plead guilty to turning on city water after it had been turned off for non-payment of water rent were given the privilege of paying the current month and making arrangement with the city to take care of the back rent or go to jail for five days each. Several already have paid the current rent. At their hearing Judge Fuller told the men that their big mistake had been in not making a proper showing why they were more entitled to free water than others, and making it before the proper parties.

It may not be generally known but City Recorder Adams tells the Miner that there are about 50 families now on the free list. These are old people, widows or families where the man is not able physically to work.

Being asked if it were not possible to lower the rates during the hard times, Mr. Adams called attention to the fact that the city owes \$390,000 in water bonds bearing four and three-fourths per cent interest, which interest must be met and funds accumulated to meet the bonds as they come due. He also stated that the rates here were as low as almost any city in the northwest. The cost of carrying an account, even if paid when due, is considerable and the cost of mains and maintenance is practically as great for a patron who uses the minimum amount of water or less as for the one who uses several times that. This is especially true of a gravity system like Ashland's.

The authority to grant free water to those absolutely unable to pay anything lies with the council as a body, not with any official, and any claims for such service must be placed before that body and will be carefully investigated before being granted, as this is, simply, taking money from other water users and taxpayers.

McNEIL WARNS OF REDS' WORK

Three thousand children, being educated in American schools at the expense of American taxpayers, going into communist headquarters in Los Angeles, thumbing their noses at the Stars and Stripes, then crossing the room and kissing and saluting the red flag of communism. That is what Charles McNeil of Grants Pass told the American Legion and the Elks that he saw during the many months he spent getting into the inner circle of the communist party in Los Angeles.

He also told how the communists when holding a rally in Los Angeles posted hundreds of their numbers on buildings along the line of march of the parade, to throw rocks, bricks and the like at the marchers so that the marchers would have an excuse to throw rocks through windows, etc., and compel the police to interfere so that they, the communists, could pose as martyrs of free speech.

These are but a few of the startling facts Mr. McNeil told his audience. He stated that in every leading city in the country there are trained bodies of communists with machine guns and rifles awaiting the signal for an uprising. He warned the people that they must awaken to the gravity of the situation and begin at once to combat the communist drive or there will be serious trouble and many good lives will be lost putting down insurrection.

Much of the complaint about relief, he says, is due to the communists exciting people to dissatisfaction in order to make it easier to overthrow the constitution and take the country by force.

One suspects that official Washington would define an atom as a million-dollar appropriation.—Weston Leader.

HOSPITAL LOSS TO ASHLAND IS \$2200 FOR 1934

The financial report of the city of Ashland for the year 1934, recently made public, is very interesting but, like most such tabulations, needs some explanation or elaboration to give the ordinary citizen a perfect conception of the city's condition.

Take for instance the library fund. Every dollar, according to the report, was transferred to another fund. J. Q. Adams, city recorder, informs the Miner that this is because the auditors of the city accounts advised that library fund be kept in the general fund to save bookkeeping and to avoid a separate bank account. Later it was learned that the law requires a separate fund for the library and it was reopened since the first of the year.

The report shows no receipts in the indigent fund for the year 1934 and only \$2.23 paid out. This would look as if Ashland was contributing little to her destitute, but the general fund shows \$318.15 paid to SERA and CWA. A refund of \$503 from CWA, Mr. Adams says, was for money advanced to buy material which CWA furnished for construction in the water department done under CWA.

The statement shows a total bonded indebtedness of \$607,399 outstanding and bonds and notes totaling \$20,194.21 were paid last year. The city now has \$100,191.73 in cash on hand and investments, bonds, etc., not including city property of \$57,008.35.

Of the bonds outstanding, \$391,400 are water bonds and notes, \$150,000 are auxiliary water bonds (voted to bring lithia water and to build lithia park), \$1000 are chautauqua improvement bonds, \$18,000 were voted to buy the state normal site, \$500 for fire equipment, \$2000 for rebuilding lithia pipeline, \$8000 for refunding Bancroft bonds and \$12,500 for refunding general bonds. Bancroft bonds outstanding include \$8630.86 paving, \$11,902.32 sidewalk and \$3466.09 sewer.

The report for 1934 also showed the city received from the community hospital the munificent sum of \$250 rent. It collected \$366.83 in taxes from the people of Ashland directly for the hospital, and transferred \$2205.14 from other funds to the hospital fund. It received \$91 ambulance fees and paid \$100 for repairs to the ambulance. It paid \$2115.14 for standard x-rays (apparently a new machine) and \$120.11 for x-ray supplies. The city received \$36.50 for x-ray fees. Insurance and miscellaneous receipts brought \$72.50 more, making total actual receipts from the hospital to the city of exactly \$500.00. The cash outlay on the part of the city was \$2728.90. And the city council was told at its last meeting that it would be necessary at once to make extensive repairs and renewals in the heating plant. If there is any comeback to the city in the way of free hospital service in the case of accidents, etc., the report does not show it.

Rent for the hospital will be \$600 this year, Mr. Adams states.

JONATHAN HUNGATE DIES AT TALENT HOME FRIDAY

Jonathan S. Hungate, resident of Talent for the past nine years, died at noon Friday, March 8, at his home there, after an illness of six weeks. Surviving him are his wife, Bertha Hungate, and one son, W. M. Hungate, Talent.

J. S. Hungate was born in Hamstead county, Arkansas, October 6, 1863. Funeral services were held Monday at 10 o'clock from the Stock & Litwiler funeral home. Interment was at Mountain View cemetery.

'Twould be nicer if prosperity, instead of being just around the corner, were just around.—Weston Leader.

Anyhow, our Indian brothers need no cuss words in their language, unless we give 'em back their remodeled country.—Weston Leader.

SEEN In A Daze

By OUR KEYHOLE EXPERT

BERT MILLER giving a chalk-talk in front of his real estate office.

LARRY PORTER doing a Harpo Marx in Yreka, the freshy!

YE ED landing in a heap on one of his daze off.

BILLY BRIGGS with his shoes off.

LOGAN NININGER, a hungry play-actor, wishing the audience would throw their peanuts by the bags full.

BILL GRENBEMER knowing his ropes backstage, and we don't mean cigars, wise-crackers.

