

Nuggets From The Miner

By C. B.

I live in a house on a hill, at the top end of a street named "Vista." It makes me wheeze to get there, but the downward trek is so easy that it makes me laugh. And that's the way the law of compensation works. It balances things inevitably, surely, without fear or favor. You pay for what you get, you reap what you sow.

The hill may be hard to climb, but the view is worth the effort. If there is any view more altogether lovely than that of Ashland and vicinity I would like somebody to trot it out. But it can't be done. Valley farms lush with green of meadows and golden with ripened crops. Gorgeous panorama of hills and soft haze of mountain heights. And the city, a gem in a setting of pine-clad hills.

From my home on a hill, the sun rises and sets in wider depths and breadths of glory. The stars are more luminous, their twinkle more friendly. The city below is a blaze of vari-colored lights. From mountain heights, watchful beacons flash to guide the mariners who buffet the billows of the air.

Ashland is a glorious city with a bright star of destiny. Keep that star shining. If you ever find it growing dim, get a house on a hill.

The arduous task of finding a site for a new state capitol reminds me of the story of the mill expert in the early days who was sent to inspect a mill. After due inspection he sent in the following terse report. "Saw a dam by a mill site but no mill by a dam site."

The Townsend movement must be getting mighty strong and hefty the way some fellers whose tendencies are to be frenziedly against it are claiming to be neutral. If the movement keeps on growing as it is growing now, which of course it will, these same fellers will soon be clamoring for a seat in the band wagon.

The U. S. chamber of commerce claims to be strictly non partisan. Oh, certainly, of course, and to be sure! But if so, why does it keep sending its bright young men to all parts of the country to make standpat speeches when there are honest differences of opinion among members of local organizations?

These young speakers seem particularly concerned about balancing the budget. Of course everybody wants the budget balanced. Sounds mighty good to have a balanced budget. And there's been a heap more money appropriated by Congress lately than was necessary. Keep 'er balanced or bust a hamstring.

But you'll remember that Calvin Coolidge, when he left the White House, left also a balanced budget. Just about the best balanced budget there ever was. It was balanced to a gnat's hair. And everybody, or nearly so, shouted "Hooray! Prosperity is here to stay!"

And Herbert Hoover was some budget balancer, too. In his inaugural speech he painted a rosy word picture of lasting prosperity. But in less than two years after his inauguration the depression swooped down and kept getting worse and worse, and isn't licked yet.

Balance the budget? Not a single objection. But the balanced budget of 1928 was powerless to prevent the Wall Street speculators, the predatory interests, the money manipulators and the "malefactors of great wealth" from throwing it off its balance and bringing on the worst depression in history.

The credit money system crashed of its own weight and left us without an adequate medium of exchange. What the nation needs to insure that adequate medium of exchange, which is its very life blood, is a dose of Dr. Townsend's tonic. That plan would put money into circulation. It would mean a lasting prosperity, not merely prosperity at the will of the money kings.

TOWNSEND CLUBS HOLD PICNIC

NEW PRESIDENT OF BOOST BODY WILL BE NAMED

C. C. Directors To Choose
A Successor To
Dr. Barkwill

Next Monday noon at the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Ashland chamber of commerce it is expected that a new president of the chamber will be elected to take the place of Dr. Bernard G. Barkwill, who is resigning from the office to take a year's course of study at the University of Pennsylvania medical school.

In addition to electing a new president the board will also make an appointment of a new member to take Dr. Barkwill's place as a member of the board.

Of the present board of directors, the terms of Dr. Walter Redford, Frank J. Van Dyke, O. F. Carson, T. H. Simpson, S. B. McNair and J. E. Thornton expire in March, 1937. The terms of C. W. Fortmiller, Senator George W. Dunn, Dr. R. L. Burdick and P. R. Hardy expire in 1936.

The meeting of the board next Monday is a very important one. To a certain extent the destiny of any city so far as growth and expansion and civic pride are concerned, depends greatly upon its chamber of commerce. A live, active chamber, a live, active city.

If there happens to be on the board of directors of Ashland chamber of commerce an energetic, active, devoted young man with no entangling alliances and belonging to no jarring faction, a young man who is firm but diplomatic, who has pep and perseverance, who is not afraid of work nor service, he should be chosen as president.

Rate Reduction Is Announced By The Gas Company

The Southern Oregon gas corporation has filed new rate schedules with the Public Utility commissioner according to Mr. D. E. York, general manager for the company.

Rates affected are only heating rates, both domestic and commercial, and represent reductions running from twenty to fifty-one per cent according to Mr. York.

Reductions in other rates are likely to follow in the near future as Mr. York states the policy of the company is to pass on to the consumers the savings from lower operating costs which will follow the completion of the reconstruction program now being carried out.

The gas company has been quietly rebuilding its plants in all the cities they operate in, and have spent a good many thousand dollars getting the system in good mechanical condition.



A WHEELBARROW accompanied by GEO. SHAFFER, a big buck and PROF. CORTELL. BERT MILLER dreaming about FUTURE SALES.

WALLY WALCOTT, saying "I own two of 'em now." BETTY O'BRIEN doing a MARCH.

JOHN HENRY doing a LOOP-DE-LOOP. THE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI saying, "we can take 'em, they're just a bunch of kids."

The MINER'S circulation list growing better than 300 in four weeks.

Eagles Will Give Social Functions

In conjunction with its regular fall and winter program Lithia Springs Aerie, local Eagles order, has included two social evenings per month. The committee in charge reports that the "old clothes" auction followed by a "membership drive," held September 6th, was a huge success, and that many similar functions are planned.

Another "Eagle" feature for this fall and winter is the Saturday night benefit dances. All funds derived from these dances will go toward benefit purposes this winter. Several food and clothing dances are also planned, besides the semi-monthly smokers, which were so popular last year.

Relief Office Here Is Closed At Present

The local SERA office has been closed, the reason being that need for relief in this area is not so urgent and because of an order from state headquarters closing down relief work. While the relief canyery here will continue to be operated during the fruit season, commodities will not be issued for about a month.

Work in the orchards and the packing houses has taken care of nearly all the labor supply, according to Harold Grey of the county SERA office. A call for more help was received from several of the outlying districts.

Local Banker On Budget Committee

J. W. McCoy, local banker, was named Thursday morning by the county court as a member of the Jackson county budget committee. Other members of the committee appointed by the court were H. A. Thieroff, lumberman, Medford; M. B. Chase, orchardist, Table Rock. The committee is planning to hold a meeting soon to look over the proposed budgets of county departments for the coming year.

Police Chief Tells The Activians Of Department Work

Chief of Police C. P. Talent outlined the problems and work of the local department and explained the methods by which said work is carried on, in a talk made at the meeting of the Active club Wednesday evening at the Ashland hotel. He told of the difficulties some departments have by officers fearing to lose their jobs, and by being under the orders of higher-ups. He added that the Ashland officers are not hampered in that respect, as they have the hearty cooperation and help of the mayor and the city council.

Chief Talent said the department takes no cases into court if there is any doubt of guilt, but works on the line of being sure that the evidence is sufficient to substantiate the charge. He reviewed his record as chief of police during the past two and a half years. There have been during that time no fatal traffic accidents. Nine cars have been stolen, but all have been recovered. There has been a decrease of 75 per cent in juvenile delinquency. Also there has been a complete and uniform record system and increased revenue.

Referring to the press, Chief Talent said: "We would like to express our opinion and appreciation of the many occasions of cooperation that our department has received from the local newspapers. If there were more such newspapers the citizens of America would need have no fear of criminals."

The club discussed plans for a golf tournament and other recreations, and charitable projects. Ward McReynolds, examiner of motor car operators and chauffeurs, will be at the Ashland City hall Thursday, September 19, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m., according to announcement from the secretary of State's office.

COOPERATE!

TO ALL TOWNSEND CLUB MEMBERS:
As a member of the regional board of Congressional district No. 1 of the state of Oregon, I urge you to support and sponsor any and all newspapers that are in favor of the Townsend plan. I further urge you to purchase your goods from merchants who are sponsoring the Townsend movement and who advertise their wares in newspapers sincerely supporting the plan.
H. E. WIRTH.

Coach Faber to Put Heavy Team On Field Today

The heaviest line in five years—that's what coach Don Faber will throw on the field this afternoon when he sends his Ashland high Grizzlies against an alumni team made up of players graduating not earlier than 1933.

For the first game of the 1935 season, Ashland high will present an outfit with seven positions taken care of by lettermen and the remaining four filled by inexperienced, though hefty, footballers.

In the line, which will average more than 165 pounds per man, heavier than any since Faber began his duties at the school four years ago, will be Steve Fowler, tackle; Bud Eitzwiler, 190 pounds of guard, and Ken Shillings, pass snatcher and tough end. Those are the lettermen, and Fowler, due to his drive and speed, may be shifted to the backfield. In case he is, it will leave five positions to be filled by untried players, among whom are Charles Barker, Don Rude, Vernon Athanas, Joe King, Ken Burns, George Ward and Jimmy McNair, all ends; Lonnie Scroggins, Vern Harrington, Ron Scheidreiter, Bill Wymer and Clarence McCarthy, tackles; Cliff Bromley, Bruce Shilling and Jack Forsythe, guards; and Elmer Hoag and Bruce DeMers, centers.

Backs include Parker Hess, who will do the signal calling and the passing at quarterback, Clarence McCarthy, fullback; and Don Gettling, Ralph Brickley, Dick Applegate, Dean Warren, Walter Lee and Hugh Lile, halfbacks.

The Grizzlies have put in a gruelling first week of practice, with plenty of man-to-man line work, dummy drills and limbering up exercises and are expected to be in fair condition for the game. Faber has been gradually easing the many new tactics he learned at Howard Jones' summer session into the gridders heads, and fans may see some colorful passing today.

Some of the players who will see action for the alumni are: Hedrich Baughman, Bill Bromley, Jupe Wallin, Bill Hoxie, Ed Starr, Willie Durham, Vernon Clark and Hjalmer Kannasto.

New Store to Open Here Wednesday

Westfall's Variety store, a new place of business for Ashland, will open next Wednesday at 11 East Main street, on the Plaza. The store will have school supplies as well as all things in the 10 and 15 cent lines, at prices ranging from one cent to 99 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Westfall moved here recently from Newburg, a town in the Willamette valley, where both were school teachers. Their stock of variety goods will consist of useful articles, including gift goods, at low prices.

Season Schedule A.H.S. Grid Team

- Sept. 13—Alumni *
 - Sept. 23—Yreka *
 - Oct. 5—Dunsmuir (?)
 - Oct. 11—Grants Pass *
 - Oct. 25—Klamath Falls *
 - Nov. 1—Grants Pass **
 - Nov. 11—Medford City (?)
 - Nov. 23—Crescent *
- * At Ashland.
** On opponents' field.
(?) Place undecided.

Safety Measures For School Pupils

A good move is that which has been inaugurated through the cooperation of G. A. Briscoe, school superintendent, and the Ashland police and street departments, for placing emphasis on traffic safety during the school year. It is planned to give the students in all the schools thorough understanding of state traffic laws and the proper way of crossing streets.

The city is erecting stop signs on the intersections of Iowa, Beach and the Boulevard, for the safety of high school students. The signs used during the past two years near other school buildings will again be used.

Children will be cautioned to look both ways before crossing a street, and other traffic cautions will be stressed.

Local Golf Course Will Be Improved

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Smith have taken a five-year lease of the Ashland golf course and have assumed control. They have been managing the course for the golf club for a number of years but will now be in complete control.

Plans have been made for the moving of the clubhouse to a new location near the No. 6 green. The house is to be renovated and rest rooms installed. The Smiths plan to improve the picnic grounds also, as well as to make other improvements.

Schools Of City Showing Growth

The call of the school bells on Monday brought out an increased enrollment according to figures from the different schools of the city. Complete figures will not be available until the end of the week, but Monday's enrollment exceeded that of the first day of school last year.

Washington school registered a total of 219, subdivided by grades as follows: 1st, 30; 2nd, 30; 3rd, 31; 4th, 58; 5th, 45; 6th, 33.

A total of 259 pupils enrolled at Lincoln school. By grades: 1st B, 34; 1st A and 2nd B, 39; 2nd A and 3rd B, 25; 3rd B and 3rd A, 26; 4th B, 39; 4th A and 5th B, 44; 5th A and 6th B, 31; and 6th B and 6th A, 31.

The junior high registered 281, and the estimate for senior high was 215.

LET 'ER BUCK!

In three days last week over 2000 pairs of overalls were sold by Pendleton merchants. The next problem will be to talk those 2000 owners into discarding their overalls at the conclusion of the Round Up. Fall suits will take a terrible beating if the merchants can't put over that point.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

OREGON AWAKE ON FEDERAL PLAN FOR HOME BUILDING

Citizens of Oregon will spend \$9,000,000 for repairs and modernization during the current year, according to a national survey conducted by the Federal Housing Administration. The findings, according to Jamieson Parker, state FHA director, were based on population and buying power, and the character of the more than 25,000,000 dwellings in the country. It is estimated that at least \$1,000,000 must be spent to repair the damage resulting from long neglect and to provide housing comforts which the average home of a few years ago did not possess.

Oregon probably will go well over the mark set for the state, in the opinion of Parker. Already more than \$1,600,000 has been borrowed by Oregonians under the Modernization Credit Plan, he stated, and it is estimated that for every \$1 of modernization credit, there is expended in cash between \$5 and \$6. That is the national ratio. The Oregon ratio, it is believed, is nearer \$8 to \$10. Based on the lower national ratio,

LARGE CROWD AT NOTED ASHLAND PARK ENJOY DAY

Varied Program Speeches
and Entertainment
Enjoyed By All

It was Townsend day at Lithia park here Sunday and the seven Townsend clubs of the county turned out a great crowd to enjoy the picnic dinner and program.

Opening with the singing of "America," the program proceeded in the following order: Flag salute; Townsend pledge; prayer; announcements; duet, Miss Wirth and Miss Sowell; talks by H. E. Wirth of Medford, Ethel Sowell of Medford, and Mrs. Oliver; "Alphabets," a humorous reading by Mr. Losier; talk by Judge Jeffries of Portland; talk by W. T. Berry; harmonica selections by Vick Crooker; humorous sketch by Mr. Oliver and W. T. Berry; talk by Ernest Rhoads of Grants Pass. C. M. Litwiler, president of the Ashland club, presided.

"That the United States should set an example for the rest of the world by bringing prosperity and abolishing poverty; that something must be done to bring the consuming power up to the producing power; that we cannot have wealth unless it is backed up by an ability to buy." Such were the basic arguments of the speakers, such the sentiments applauded by the audience. The talks were not frenzied partisan appeals, but earnest, patriotic discussions of fundamental principles.

"The Townsend plan is a broad American movement" said Judge Jeffries. This country is just as capable and has as many resources as it ever had. Its greatest resources are almost untouched. We are not asking for charity or dole, but for opportunity. The country is worse off today than at any time in its history. One in twenty is being fed from the public treasury by virtue of borrowing nearly five billion dollars.

"We are suffering for lack of purchasing power. We need eighty dollars per capita in circulation, but have only a small per cent of that in actual dollars per capita at work. Produce is high and wages low. People are being pinched both ways. This is a young people's movement. Around twenty million firesides of America the future of our republic is being formed.

"The constitution of the United States plainly declares that Congress shall have the power to coin money and declare the value thereof. Nowhere did the constitution say that Morgan and Mellon and Rockefeller shall have such power. There are fifty million on the march to a better day and they demand the adoption of the Townsend old age pension bill in its present form."

H. E. Wirth of Medford, member of the Townsend regional board of Oregonians.
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