

Nuggets From The Miner

By C. B.

Eager to make good on something I overlooked last week, something very important to individuals as well as to the body politic, something that should not be overlooked but will be and always has been, allow me to suggest in that nice, pleasant way that is customary in making suggestions, that you also do your Christmas mailing early.

The budget, the budget, the old husky budget! They whittle it, pare it, they pinch it and nudge it; They pommel it, haggle it, swear at it, smudge it; It's all out of balance, and yet they can't budget it.

Some say that conditions point to the approach of a building revival. Others say that the banks could make that revival a reality if they would make interest rates more reasonable. But don't blame the average banker of the average community for that. The trouble is, that the "rugged individualist" banker has become almost a tradition of the past. Most applications for loans now have to be submitted to a "board" in some distant city.

Even here in Oregon the "system" is gaining ground. It's getting to be scarcely "news" any more to read that another bank has been taken over by some big Portland institution. And that big institution is probably hooked up with some other big institution which in turn is dominated by Wall Street. The House of Morgan and the House of Rockefeller have long arms. And those arms are reaching, reaching!

Among recent news items is one to the effect that fifteen hundred big industrialists of the nation have joined in opposition to the New Deal and in a movement to defend the cause of "rugged individualism." Of course! Also, to be sure! But folks are not going to forget that it took only about 10 years of "rugged individualism" to bring on the worst depression this country has ever known. Nor that a good part of that period the loudest tooter for "rugged individualism" this country has ever known was at the helm of the good old Ship of State.

The China Clipper, giant flying boat, completed the first round-trip flight over the trans-Pacific airmail route. It marked an epoch in transportation and some day real giant flying ships will be carrying the commerce of the world. The China Clipper will get out of date just as the sailing clippers got out of date and the steamboats are going to get out of date. "Time still dreams of man's divine advance."

Two defeats of the sales tax ought to have been broad enough hints to the legislature that Oregon has no use for that obnoxious nuisance. And tacking it to a meager old age pension provision does not make it any less obnoxious. Maybe when the "third strike" is called, future legislatures will realize that the sales tax is out.

It is going to take more than a Literary Digest poll to defeat F. D. R. in the presidential election. (Continued on Page 4)

Vets of Foreign Wars To Organize At Coming Meet

Arrangements are now definitely complete for the organization of an Ashland post of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Officers are to be elected next Tuesday night, December 17, at a meeting to be held at the Armory at 8 o'clock.

The new post is expected to start with a very good membership. Already more than twenty-five men have signed up on the charter, which will be held open until the first of the new year. There are 100 or more eligible men of Spanish War vets and World War vets in this vicinity who have seen foreign service.

All who are eligible to join are asked to be sure and attend the meeting next Tuesday night and meet old comrades.

Local Schools To Observe Vacation Starting Dec. 20

All the schools of Ashland will have a Christmas vacation of two weeks, according to announcement by school officials. Schools are to close on December 20 and resume work on the sixth of January.

Three weeks after the holiday will mark the close of the first semester in the city schools. Two of the three weeks will be class work and the remaining week will be devoted to final examinations. On Friday, December 20, Christmas programs will be featured.

Townsend No. Two Club Holds Meet

Holding its first regular meeting last Friday night in the lodge room of the library, Townsend club No. 2 of Ashland got away to a splendid start. Thirteen new members were reported by the membership committee, which shows that the new club is quite active.

Plans were discussed as to an extensive petition campaign in behalf of the Townsend plan. The club was recently organized, Club No. 1 having about reached its allowed limit of membership, which is one thousand.

Christmas Ball

The local Elks lodge has made arrangements to give a public charity ball Christmas night in the club ball-room. The music will be by Dayton's orchestra and a good time is assured.

The Jackson County Medical society at a recent meeting elected Dr. F. G. Thayer of Medford as president. Dr. Thayer succeeds Dr. C. A. Haines of this city, who has given splendid service in that capacity.

The ladies of the Townsend club, No. 1 are putting on a cooked food sale Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Ashland Groceries. The Townsend ladies are invited to donate and make the sale worth while.

Ministers' Assn. Held Monday Nite

Rev. M. L. Edwards and Rev. E. Morgan were re-elected as president and secretary, respectively, of the Ashland Ministerial association at a meeting held on Monday night.

A committee, consisting of Rev. Melville T. Wire and Rev. E. E. Wordsworth, was named to arrange for Easter services. Rev. Wordsworth, who arrived here recently to become pastor of the Nazarene church, was given a hearty welcome into the association.

Firemen Fixing Christmas Toys

The toy repairing factory being conducted by the firemen at headquarters has been running at full steam and there's been no such thing as unemployment there. Lots of playthings, contributed by citizens, are being repaired for distribution to children.

The firemen are doing a fine thing in their Christmas toy campaign and should receive hearty cooperation. All that is necessary to help is to take in the broken or discarded toys. The firemen will do the rest. And they need a lot more toys yet. The American Legion auxiliary members also want more dolls to fix up.

Eagles Eat at Birthday Event

Thursday, December 12, Lithia Springs Aerie of Eagles celebrated their second birthday in Ashland. Lithia Springs Aerie was instituted December 12, 1933 with 130 charter members and has grown in strength since that date. Approximately 100 attended the affair.

A banquet was served immediately following a short business session and a half hours' musical program presented. Mr. M. E. Randles was in charge of entertainment.

Happy Jack Peeblev of second-hand store fame is slowly recovering from an acute case of "over elation" caused by the arrival of a six-pound granddaughter. The young lady arrived at the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith, Rich, Ore. last Tuesday.

Mrs. Smith is well known in Ashland, where she has many friends, having been born and reared in this vicinity.

At the last report both Happy Jack and granddaughter, Esther Marie and mother were doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Powell returned to their home in Klamath Falls Thursday morning.

J. C. Hamaker, Lyle Reeder, Carl Brower and Art Hamaker brought in a nice catch of salmon, while fishing in the Illinois river Monday.

Mrs. Beth Hamaker, who has been confined to her home for the past several weeks, is in an improved condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Powell were here Tuesday and Wednesday visiting friends.

Were Low Bidders On Sewage Bonds

Bids for the \$27,000 sewage disposal plant were opened at Tuesday night's council meeting and the lowest bids were those of the Portland Bond company and the E. M. Adams company. Awarding of the contract was deferred until Wednesday afternoon.

The Adams company bid was three and one-fourth per cent interest on all bonds maturing up to and including 1950 and three and one-half per cent on those maturing from 1950 to 1954. The figure set for each one hundred dollars bond was one hundred dollars and twenty-one cents.

Eagles Announce Fight Card for Tuesday, Dec. 17

An interview with the Eagles fight committee yesterday, disclosed that the coming fight card Tuesday night, December 17th, was full of dark horses.

A complete schedule of the card was not obtainable as this paper goes to press, but such fighters as Shumway, Hoxie, Jonas, Patotzki, Abel, Walker, Snyder and many others were mentioned as possibilities for this next fight. Austin Rosander, a local Ashland lad who went far in the fight game was mentioned, but as has been said, there was no definite information advanced except that fight fans were promised a real card.

NOTICE

An announcement of the Eagles fight card next Tuesday night, appearing on page 7 of this paper gives the date as December 24th. It is our error—the date should be DECEMBER 17th.

ENGLISH AS IT IS SPOKEN

It has been asserted that we employ only about nine hundred words in ordinary conversation. Probably this is true and it is also a fact that a goodly portion of the said nine hundred words are simply names of animals, birds, fish, insects, vegetables, fruits, flowers and inanimate objects. Following are a few samples of everyday remarks that can be heard anywhere, at any time, during the course of almost any conversation.

Comments on Females—"Pretty as a peach"—A little daisy—Cheeks like a rose—Swell chicken—Cute kid—Sings like a nightingale—Nice little heifer—Busy as a bee—Lively as a cricket—Sweet as sugar—Good as gold—Eyes like stars—Trim little duck—Full of pepper—Takes the cake—Cold as marble—Big as an elephant—Cross as a bear—Just another old hen—Dumb as an oyster—Talkative as a clam—Darned old cat."

And Concerning Members of the Male Sex—"Works like a beaver"—Likes to peddle the bull—Easily cowed—Had him buffaloed—Lower than a snake's belly—Hit him a rabbit punch—Mad as a hornet—Strong as a moose—Played cards and got skunked—Swims like a fish—Floats like a feather—Dives like a stone—Talks like a parrot—Runs like a deer—Acts like a monkey—Proud as a peacock—Faithful as a mastiff—Brainless as a sheep—Poisonous as a rattlesnake—Hungry as a wolf—Blind as a bat—Eye like an eagle—Eats like a hog—Spry as a chipmunk—Climbs like a squirrel—Shrewd as a fox—Can jump like a frog—Slick as an eel—Is a good egg—Struts like a turkey gobbler—Crazy as a bedbug—Fat as a pig—Black as a crow—Silly as a goose—Lucky as a pet coon—Patient as a jackass—Greedy as a shark—Darned old cabbage-head—Acknowledges the corn—Hard as nails—Steady as a clock—Straight as a ramrod—Red hair, carrot-top—Diamond in the rough—Green as grass—Brave as a lion—Voice like thunder—Quick as lightning—Crooked as a dog's hind leg—Right as rain—You can be the goat, &c., &c.—and that's a horse on you."

J. C. REYNOLDS.

Ben Gibson, local Calif.-Western States Life Insurance representative, made a business trip to Roseburg Thursday and Friday. W. H. C. Miller of Jacksonville was a recent visitor at the homes of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Cates, and his son, G. E. Miller.

Public Hearing for Recorder Adams Has Been Postponed; Will Be Held Monday Night

Townsend Club To Hear Address By A. M. Williams

The Townsend club at its meeting tonight in Eagles hall is to hear an address by A. M. Williams of Eugene, a noted speaker in Townsend ranks. It is announced by C. M. Litweller, president of the local club. Ernest Rhoades of Grants Pass, who was to have addressed the club, could not be present.

Mr. Williams, classed among the best speakers for the Townsend plan in the state, will be accompanied here by H. E. Wirth of Medford.

The revised McGroarty bill, topic of Congressman Mott's talks in this section, will be explained. The speaker has also been requested to discuss the proposed state sales tax measure, which is to be voted upon January 31.

Special music will also be on the program. The public has a special as well as a cordial invitation to attend the meeting tonight.

Draws 30-Day Jail Sentence

In the court of Justice L. A. Roberts here Tuesday afternoon Alva Robertson, who gave his age as fifty, was given a sentence of thirty days in the county jail, the charge against him being vagrancy. He was arrested last week for attempted immoral conduct and had been held for investigation.

He seems to have had several aliases, and said he was a writer under the name of Kenyon Wade. He told police that he has lived in various parts of the country and had been a teacher and lecturer as well as a writer. Chief of Police Talent says a check will be made on Robertson's record during the jail term.

Mrs. J. A. Woodall and daughter Iona, who have been spending the past two weeks here, have returned to their home in McCloud, Calif.

Don't forget the big Townsend masquerade ball on Friday, December 20, at the Eagles' hall. The Grand March of those in costume starts promptly at nine p.m. Be sure and be there. Two prizes will be given. First-class music; refreshments will be served. Prices: 40 cents for gentlemen and 15 cents for ladies.

Bellview Grange will meet on Tuesday in regular session at the usual hour in the Community clubhouse. An interesting program has been arranged.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Mesier of Mt. Vernon will be visitors here this winter at the homes of their daughters, Mrs. Arthur Peters and Mrs. Wayne Heard.

A beautiful assortment of Christmas cards at Bushnell-Perkins Studio.

SEEN in a DAZE



By Our KEYHOLE REPORTER

STEVE ZARKA says his mumps are sure bothering his ears.

Bill Briggs, fighting traffic. Merritt Randles making a SPEECH.

TWO TRAPPERS, peddling their wares. HARRY BENNETT going places in a hurry.

EMIL STAUFFER wishing his name would be called at the theater.

Bill Bromley doing things in a SMALL WAY.

Obituary

Grave side services for Dirk Verloop, who passed away at his home in Talent, Saturday, December 7, were held at the Stearns Cemetery, Tuesday, December 10.

He was born on February 17, 1855, in Amsterdam, and at the time of his passing was 80 years of age. Mr. Verloop is survived by his wife, Heiene, and one brother and a sister, who live in Holland. Funeral services were in charge of the Stock-Litweller Funeral Home.

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