

Nuggets From The Miner

By C. B.

It's getting along pretty close to a couple of thousand years since the shepherds of Bethlehem heard the Peace on Earth song with its strain of good-will to mankind. But is there peace on earth? Probably there has never been a year since that song was sung that has not witnessed war somewhere on the earth.

It must not be denied of course that the world has made tremendous advance. Sentiment for peace is growing stronger. War is losing its glory as well as its glamor. It is known now in its true color as a black, unspeakable horror, a grizzly, gory game of which the lowly ones of earth are always the helpless victims. The glare of the bugle is losing its thrill.

Then why is war? There's no glamor for it among the ordinary individuals of any civilized nation. But when the diplomats get together they are no longer individuals. They represent nations. And most nations still do business according to the code of the relentless law of the jungle. The sacred rights of the weak are often sacrificed to the greedy demands of the strong. Seeds being scattered right now in the Old World across the sea may bring forth monstrous weeds of hatred and woe. Diplomats appear to have taken the place of kings as rooters for the game which grim old Mars loves to see played.

But some day, some time, Peace is going to conquer War. Love is going to conquer Hate. Right is going to conquer Wrong. Truth is going to conquer Error. Back where the first day dawned, the world started to climb. It has come far on a long trail that often was dim, but it is still climbing. Ever there is a call to the race of man to advance. It will not always grope.

All that the Old has ever given, of dream or effort or of shining deed, all of its visions and its martyrdoms, are stepping stones toward brighter glories of the New. For all the prayers and tears, the longings and the heartaches, all the weary watches and the waitings, all the lonely midnight vigils, all the faith and hope of other days, have lifted us to higher ground and pointed farther upward, along the path immortal of our dreams.

We climb, and climb, and climb, because the way was smoothed by other feet. And climbing thus, we reach new heights, and leave new stepping stones for those who follow. And climbing on, we look beyond the doubts and fears and clouds of Time and see the sweet light shine above and trusting it, can never go astray.

No use now to give any more gentle hints as to early shopping. Any incorrigible old gent who hasn't already done as advised is just naturally going to be stubborn enough to wait until the day after Christmas in order to avoid the rush.

Governor Martin urges more progress. From my observations Oregon is just about as progressive as some of the states that are staggering under loads of debts that are entirely too heavy to carry. To pile up a lot more debts might start Mr. Progress in the wrong direction.

Some of the G. O. P. leaders are rooting for a program of economy, balanced budget, sound money, and protective tariff. They had all those things when they held the reins of government, and yet they drove right ke-smash into the depression.

And now it is being heralded about that no outstanding economists in the country favor the Townsend plan. Of course it isn't true. But anyway, I've noticed that scarcely any two outstanding economists ever agree on any subject. There's a vast difference between theory and practice.

Among the dark and jarring news on social, racial, factional and political news, I note one little gleaming item: "Wool prices the past week were mostly firm despite small sales."

Headline: "It's Easy to Find Gifts Ladies Will Appreciate." Indeed yes! But it's the paying for them that makes the old pretend to have a sort of hurt feeling.

An Oregon man was arrested in California recently for fast driving. And he was only making eighty miles an hour. The California cops ought to come up here once in a while and see the boys making real speed!

Page the relief agency! Treas-

Mayor Wiley Was Liberal S. Claus During Holidays

Mayor T. S. Wiley is Ashland's largest apple grower and the apples he grows are not diminutive, either. But figuratively speaking his heart is a heap larger than a whole bushel of the largest apples he could possibly grow.

Fifty boxes of his fine apples were distributed free Monday and Tuesday in this city to bring Christmas cheer to many homes. Last week he gave liberally of apples to be included in the distributions at the Community Christmas party Tuesday evening of this week, and Monday he added a lot more fruit to that gift.

Holiday Business Was Greater Say Local Merchants

Ashland merchants report a very fine holiday trade this year, the volume of business exceeding that of any year for the past several years.

There was a big rush at the finish as usual. Shopping began at a rather early date and volume was steadily increased.

The trade territory of Ashland covers a wide area and the merchants here are wide awake and modern. Window displays and the street decorations, backed by the splendid stocks of merchandise, made this city an attractive trading point for holiday buyers.

Ashland however does not depend merely on special occasions. Trade is good at all times of the year because the merchandise is attractive, and the prices are right, and the merchants advertise.

Work Is Started On Sewage Plant And Going Lively

Starting Monday with the okeh order of PWA, construction work on the Ashland sewage disposal plant is off to a good lively start. The preliminaries, such as the building of toolhouse and office had already been completed.

Announcement of the order was made by D. L. Buckingham, resident engineer inspector of Medford. There was a slight increase in the crew made Monday and by now the number is considerably augmented.

Benjamin A. Eddy is to act as resident engineer, being sent here by the PWA. He will also be in charge of the Normal school gymnasium work here, another PWA project.

Elks Lodge Gives Ball For Charity

The charity ball given by the Ashland lodge of Elks on Christmas night was a big success and netted a nice sum for the charity fund. The ball was given in the lodge temple and dancing was enjoyed from 9:30 to 1:30.

Music was by George Dayton's orchestra. M. W. Hamel, Frank Van Dyke, Clinton Baughman, Lee Dunkeson, J. E. Thornton, Ashland; Harry McNair, Yreka; W. G. Smith, Talent; Harry Kennedy, Hill; and Roy Swaggert, Montague, are the members of the general staff.

ury figures show that there are goodly numbers of American citizens who are forced to eke out a precarious existence on puny incomes of from three to nine million dollars per year. Not half enough to buy daughter a prince or a duke.

Oregon State Board of Education says "nixie" to any more Sunday football games for state school teams. Oh, of course the board didn't order the funds from that Sunday game played in California sent back, but hereafter it's very naughty to play Sunday games.

The diplomats just tip their hats, and smile. But in their homes dwell many gnomes of guile.

Christmas Cheer Widely Spread In Good Old Ashland

If anybody in Ashland missed getting a liberal portion of Christmas good will and cheer, it wasn't the fault of the various fraternal orders of the city, nor of civic organizations.

The Masonic fraternities, the Elks, the Eagles, the Legion, the Auxillary, the Odd Fellows, the Boy Scouts, the Camp Fire Girls, the church organizations, the lodges, all did their part.

The fire department fixed up broken toys almost good as new for distribution among the little folks. There was also many individual donations by citizens were needed.

It was a joyous Christmas. The city sparkled with holiday lights and decorations, and visitors and tourists received vivid impressions of the way Ashland does things.

Will Barnstorm In The North

Eight Ashland high basketball players and coach Don Faber will leave here next Monday morning for a four game barnstorming tour of the northern part of the state.

Dallas will be the Grizzlies first opponents, being played on Monday night. Tuesday, the Faberites will tangle with McMinneville; Wednesday, New Year's, Tillamook will be met and the trip wound up with a set-to against the Chemawa Indians Thursday morning.

Hurrying home, Faber will take his squad to Klamath Falls for the opening Conference game Friday night.

Players certain to make the tour are, Hess, Fowler, Schilling, Murphy, Lee and Mayberry. The two others will be selected from the following: DeMers, Bromley, Davis, Bruce Schilling, Gettling, Warren and Porter.

Ashland high journeyed to Crescent City tonight for a return game with that team.

Boxing Board Is Named By Mayor

Mayor Thornton S. Wiley has appointed a boxing commission to govern matches and smokers given in this city and sponsored by local groups and fraternal orders.

The commission named by the mayor consists of Chief of Police C. P. Talent, Dr. W. J. Crandall, Merritt Randles, Cal McClellan and Jean Eberhart, coach of the Normal school.

The local Eagles sponsor regular semi-monthly boxing events here in their lodge rooms, and at times the Normal school and the Elks lodge stage events.

Mankind Meat Waters, a balanced dog food in a convenient form. Per pound 15c; 5-lb. carton 65c; 9-lb. carton \$1.10—At Ted's Feed and Seed Store.

SEEN in a DAZE

By Our KEYHOLE REPORTER

Ted Guetzloff, teaching his parrot to talk French.

A lot of guys staying away from Council meetings. (Fear?) Aubrey Miles, wishing Saturday would last a week.

Art Cooper, figuring in seconds, and mis-figuring.

Art Gilbert wondering if he is the only lone wolf. (HOWL ART)

Carl Oeser putting over a red-hot sale.

Art Coggins, rendering a brain-straining decision.

Bill Dean, making up for lost time.

Merritt Randles making a speech.

Jerry Gault's favorite expression is: "It's too early to go home yet."

Jack Bears, wondering, just wondering!

Work Will Begin Monday On Street Surface Project

More than fourteen miles of unpaved streets in Ashland are to be resurfaced where needed. It is a WPA project and will give employment to fifty-five men.

The project includes the resurfacing of aligned portions of the streets with four inches of granite, lowering of 1550 feet of curbing, and also provides for new drains and cross drains.

The cost to the city will be \$2,798. The government is furnishing \$6,371 through WPA, making a total cost for the project of \$9,169.

The work is to start next Monday and will be under the direct supervision of City Engineer Frank Walker. It is expected to be completed within three months.

Just A Wee Boost For Ashland Climate

The weather bureau forecast of rain for Christmas failed to click so far as Ashland was concerned. Nice, bright, sunny, happy day, with an extra broad smile on old Sols beaming face. To the northward about a dozen miles, where boasting about the climate is the favorite sport, it was different. Ashland ought to make more noise about her climate. A foggy day or night is the big exception. The contour or whatever they call it seems to shunt the fogs away from here.

Christmas Service By Knights Templar

The Knights Templar commandery of this city held a brief Xmas service Wednesday morning at the Masonic Temple, the service being followed by a waffle breakfast. The service began at nine o'clock. Formal observance of Christmas as well as that of Easter, has been added to the Templar calendar. All the members of the local commandery were invited to attend, accompanied by their ladies.

Special Townsend Meeting Saturday Evening, Medford

A Townsend meeting which is said to be an important one is to be held tomorrow (Saturday) evening in the Armory at Medford, beginning at 7 o'clock.

R. Z. Adams, national coordinator of the Townsend Plan clubs of the United States, is announced as the principal. Accompanying Mr. Adams will be Townsend Plan State Manager Bunnell, shortly to be transferred to Washington, D. C., who is slated to deliver a special message direct from Dr. Townsend.

Frank X. Sherrer, president of Townsend club No. 2 of Medford, will preside. In addition to the speaking there will be an excellent program.

"We all want Mr. Adams to carry the word back to Washington that we are an alive, up and coming, aggressive band of Townsends here in Oregon" the announcement of the meeting says, which also urges all who possibly can to attend.

FIRE DAMAGES HOUSE

Fire last Sunday damaged the residence of David Benjamin at 287 Avery street to the amount of approximately one hundred dollars. The second story of the house was destroyed. The fire department responded quickly when called after the roof was discovered to be blazing, and kept the house from being entirely destroyed.

Troubled with RATS? RAT NIP is guaranteed to kill them. For sale at Ted's Feed and Seed Store.

President Roosevelt expressed a lovely sentiment in his greeting to the American people; "The spirit of Christmas knows no race, no creed, no climate, no limitation of time or space."

The playlet "No Room at the Inn" was presented at the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening. Preceding the playlet there was a devotional service, also carols by the Sunday school orchestra.

Must Serve Term In State Prison On Barn Burning

George A. High of this city, who was convicted and sentenced to state prison on the charge of setting fire January 1, 1933 to the Balfour-Guthrie barn near here for the purpose of collecting \$15,000 insurance, surrendered voluntarily Tuesday morning at the county jail and was placed in custody. He has been at liberty on bonds.

High was accompanied to the jail by his mother. He returned recently from Los Angeles, where he has been in business, and where his family resides. On Tuesday afternoon he appeared with his attorney, William M. Briggs of this city, before Judge H. D. Norton in chambers, and made a plea for parole, which the court declined to grant. He will probably be taken to the state prison Saturday if the mandate from the supreme court arrives in time.

Robert N. High, a brother, is also expected to be taken to the state prison at the same time. He has been confined since July in the county jail. With his brother, George A., he was convicted last March by a circuit court jury, and about two weeks ago the supreme court confirmed the conviction.

Joe B. Holland of Astoria, confessed dupe of the High brothers in the barn burning, is on parole. Theron Martin, another accomplice, who pleaded guilty, is serving a sentence of two years. They both confessed that they had been hired to aid in setting the fire.

The barn, which was a well known landmark of this area, was purchased by George High at a sale, six weeks before the fire.

Homecoming For Former SONS

Homecoming! That's what it will be for Howard Hobson and his university of Oregon varsity basketball team when they take the floor against the SONS of Southern Oregon Normal New Year's night in the highlight battle of the entire season.

It will be the first time that Hobby, after three great basketball coaching years here, has placed a quint on the Junior high basketball floor since last season; and along with the soft spoken coach will come eight former history making SONS players who are battling for first team berths on the Pacific Coast Conference Webfoots.

Homecoming!

For Howard Hobson and for Wardlow Howell, undoubtedly the finest court performer ever turned out at Ashland high; for Cliff "Chief" McLean, the brilliant Indian floor man; for Bill Courtney, peerless guard and dead eye shot artist; for Charles "Pat" Patterson, the perfect basketball player; for Wayne Scott, of the sharp shooting eye and for Ray Jewel, six foot six inches tall.

Those are the men who followed Hobson to Oregon when he was appointed head coach there last year, and in addition to them there will be the two Jones boys, Willard and Budd, for the past pair of seasons at Oregon but who both were at Southern Oregon Normal three years ago.

So it will be Homecoming for practically everyone on the Webfoot squad in addition to Hobby. And those players, teamed with Leibowitz, Silver, Harcomb and O'Rourke, are expected to drive the Oregon team to the northern division title of the Coast Conference.

Jean Eberhart, handling the SONS for the first time, has built an excellent team with which to welcome the Webfoots. With only two leftmen available—Walton and Winkle—the SONS have won three games while losing but one, that to Oregon at Eugene early in the season.

With Bob Hardy, gangly former Ashland high center at that position for the SONS; Ted Schopf, high scoring ace from Portland, at a forward berth; Monk Walton at the other scoring position; and Howard Scroggins and Arba Ager at the guards, the SONS will present a fighting team that will probably give Oregon everything they want and maybe a little bit more.

Sewage Disposal Bonds Forwarded To Portland Co.

Ashland sewage disposal bonds in the amount of \$27,000 were signed Monday and sent to the bond company at Portland which bought them. The PWA has given complete approval.

The federal government made a grant of \$36,000 to the city, and to the total of the bonds and the federal grant will be added a sufficient amount to be taken from the city's electric light fund to build and install the disposal plant.

The money from the light fund was voted at a special election. A good many citizens objected to the diversion of any part of the light fund for helping out on the disposal plant, saying that electric rates should be lowered instead of the funds being diverted.

There are indications that such objections may come to the front again as a well-defined issue in local civic affairs.

Townsend Club No. One Meets Tonite; Mahoney Speaker

Ashland Townsend club No. 1 is to hold its regular meeting this evening, beginning at 7:30. Mayor Willis E. Mahoney of Klamath Falls is to be the speaker and a big attendance and a rousing meeting are anticipated.

The club meets now at Eagles hall, having found it necessary to find larger quarters in which to hold the session. The club has about reached the limit of membership allowed in any one club.

Mayor Mahoney is one of the great speakers of the Townsend movement and his fame is more than state wide. It will be a pleasure to hear him.

AUTO CATCHES FIRE

The fire department was called Tuesday evening when Austie Barrie's auto caught fire on the Boulevard on account of a shortage in the light and horn switch. The estimated damage was \$45.00.

—YOU SAW IT IN THE MINER

In reserve, Eberhart will have Bill Hoxie, Leavers, Wayne Harless, Patterson and Neil Winkle. Oregon's starting lineup, while not definite, will probably consist of McLean and Leibowitz at the forwards; Howell at center and Willard Jones and Patterson at the guards. Jones, last year all Northwest center, has been shifted to guard to make way for siam bang Ward Howell. The two teams will play in Medford the following night, January 2.

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