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A STRANGE BUT WELCOME SOUND!

Fortunately, the Miner office is located directly across the street from Ashland's newest building activity—the New Lithia theater which is fast taking form.

Although heretofore a noise heard but briefly and seldom, there is something pleasant about the day-after-day sound of hammers pounding on raw lumber. Tap-tap-tap they go, eight hours a day, supplemented by the clinking of brick being set in place and the ring of trowels as they strike against brick being shaped.

Now, after all these leaner years here, there's a noise as is a noise. We're for more of it, and plenty of it.

It's getting to where even a republican has to admit that times have been improving!

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IF ONLY A DEAF EAR COULD BE TURNED TO THAT!

As far as whims go, Americans are a fadder but not wiser people. Take this popular song, "The Merry-Go-Round Broke Down," for example (YOU take it, chum, and keep it out of our hearing!)

Songs of the day are none too musical, what with swing, ho-ho-de-hay and crooners having full license with melody. But now comes a song with deliberate flats and sour notes written into it which has taken the country by noisy storm and has whistlers, hummers and crack-voiced neighbors trying to produce worse off-key tones than can the rasping merry-go-round torture cabinets.

On purpose!

It's funny how we faddists—for Americans are perhaps the worst of the universe when it comes to isms and eras—deliberately pick up unpleasanties and make them the style in song, jest and wearing apparel.

Just as the merry-go-round breaking down tune has half the literate people in this country exaggerating undesirable tones and irritating rhythms, so has Dame Fashion got the men and women doing silly, incongruous things to their clothes. Particularly is this true of women's hats, which for the most part are often accepted simply because they are freakish and have no regard for appearance, complement to feature or figure and are completely without artistry.

Just why we sing and wear and talk so darned ridiculously is hard to understand until we remember the goofy Gus who used to hit himself on the head with a hammer because it always felt so good when he got tired of the sport.

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GERMANY IS TO BE ADMIRABLE!

Whatever else may be said about them, the German people are a persistent, courageous lot. With ashes of the zeppelin Hindenburg scarcely cool, they are rushing to completion a sister ship that will supplant its tragically-fated predecessor.

We may hear a lot of complaint about the Nazi government, and chafe at Hitler's disregard for treaties (that were forced onto Germany when she was a shambles) and we may object to their so-called abuse of Jews, but just the same that country has been staging a comeback that must be admired and respected.

Now, with the United States performing a humanitarian service by permitting Germany to float her next lighter-than-air craft with our monopolized, fire-proof helium, the newer dirigible may go on startling the world with transoceanic feats of service without the dangers attendant with former hydrogen-inflated ships.

The United States, following a series of horrible disasters with lighter-than-air craft, abandoned their use as a military experiment. The Nazis, however, have been the world's only successful zeppelin builders, and that success was clouded by the Hindenburg's end.

LIFE'S BYWAYS!

Y'SEE—WE WUZ ONLY A COUPLE OF MONTHS BEHIND WITH THE RENT MONEY—AND THE LANDLORD HAD US PUT OUT—ALL THE FURNITURE IS ON THE SIDEWALK NOW—THAT IS WHY I FIGURE YOU SHOULD GIMME A SPECIAL RATE—SEEIN' AS Y'PONT HAVE TO CARRY ANYTHIN' DOWNSTAIRS!



But they are carrying on, trying harder than ever to overcome what have been recognized in this country as unsurmountable handicaps.

However, it is customary for Americans to hail dead heroes as the spirits of progress. Many fine things have been said about adventuress Amelia Earhart since her disappearance into the Pacific, and we might be consistent by lauding the Germans for their never-say-die attitude toward their favorite aircraft.

Musical Notes

By LAWRENCE HUBERT

• The band concert season is pretty well over and it is possible to make a few suggestions without having someone accusing me of grinding the proverbial axe. Ward Croft asked the city council for money to pay the bandmen and the council said no. That's about as far as it goes but it seems that a way could be found to raise the money each year—everything in town from the Kilty band to the Shakespearean festival is put over with a bang when financial support is necessary—why not our city band? For 10 or 12 weeks each summer about 25 or 30 musicians play for the entertainment of those who sit around and say no!

Some agitation is being heard as regards having our band concerts on Sunday. Good! It's by far the best day to have it. Sunday is the day the out-of-town folk can come to Ashland and when they come they usually drop a few shekels to our business men besides spreading quite a lot of favorable advertising for the Lithia city. Business and advertising is what we are after and here is one good way of getting it—but do you think Ward Croft can keep his band at full strength and make a favorable showing if there is no incentive for the musicians to stay in town Sundays instead of going fishing, picnicking and boating as they naturally want to do on their one day off each week.

Ward is doing a plenty good job

of holding the band together, but I daresay it isn't easy. It takes a lot of ding-donging around to do it and it isn't fair to expect him to do the impossible and turn out a good, fully manned organization week after week unless there is some kind of community support behind it. In other words, lend your band more than a mere ear!

If by some miracle we do get back of the Sunday city band concerts, why not install a few loud speakers up and down through the park so that picnickers who crowd the lawns from the Plaza to the tennis courts may also enjoy the music?

Don't get the idea that it would cost a fortune either—every honky-tonk road house in the country has a loud speaker system and if they can afford it the city of Ashland should be able to. Give the matter to a good committee and it would be settled in a month.

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Every motorist must to some extent settle for himself the question of how fast is too fast. Many factors combine to make the answer vary with varying conditions. Many cars are operated today at a speed that is dangerous and reckless under even the most favorable conditions. The type of

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KNOT HOLE NEWS

By KEN WEIL

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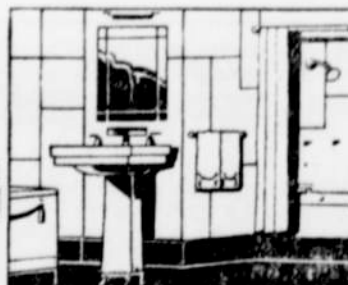


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