

OLD TIMERS

Miller Visits Lindsay Ranch

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In the year of 1904, Joaquin Miller made a visit to southern Oregon...

But on his visit from the north in Oregon he made his wish to see one of the greatest spots of southern Oregon's ancient history...

Crater Lake Described

Crater Lake today is observed as a wonder, a great body of water within its depths, of walls which shear upwards hundreds of feet...

Miller's thoughts were how nature could produce such miracles to man, or what man can imagine standing on the rim of this sculptured hole...

Cascade Trip

Next morning they became acquainted with two of a party that had been fishing at the lake. Joining Miller's company of three, they all continued on by the way of Lake o' the Woods to the Lindsay ranch...

"Oh, you mean my son Yes," Mrs. Lindsay said. "He's out working in the field and will not be back till supper time."

Then Miller said, "All I wanted was if our party could camp over there under those trees near the road for the night."

"Certainly," Mrs. Lindsay said, "you're welcome."

Plan Camp Social
And then he introduced himself as Joaquin Miller from Salem, Ore. Then all the Lindsays were invited to his camp, and Miller asked, "Would you tell Mr. Lindsay to bring his fiddle over as we would like to hear some good old tunes."

After he left, she asked her boy, "how did he know that you could play a fiddle?"

"Search me," said Billy. Soon the old camp was filled with the old tunes of the evening, and everyone was enjoyed for the evening by music and conversations and Miller gave a short and interesting talk of his early days as a youth in Oregon. It was soon bedtime, and all greeted "good night" to all. And the next morning, early, the Miller party was soon on

their way. Some wise men have written: "Let me write the songs of the people, and I care not who writes their Laws."

This was the observation of a by-gone age, when books were few and far between, and when songs were the common heritage of all, and when fireside tales — folk-lore — was good as a circulating library.

No state in the Union has produced greater talent, or more distinguished men and women in literature in proportion to population than this dear old state of Oregon.

Oregon Poet — Miller

Joaquin Miller was the real Poet of the Sierras, and was wrongfully claimed by California. But a real Oregon boy, an Oregon man, and an Oregon Poet, born and raised near Eugene, Ore. And no poet of his era has produced a line as great as his "Ode to Columbus," or equal to his "Bravest Battle Ever Fought!"

The bravest battle that ever was fought! Shall I tell you where and when?

On the maps of the world you will find it; no— It was fought by the mothers of men.

Nay, not with cannon or battle shot, With sword, or nobler pen; Nay, not with eloquent word or thought,

From mouths of wonderful men; But deep in a walled-up woman's heart— Of woman that would not yield,

But bravely, silently bore her part— Lo! there is the battle field.

Thomas Speaks . .

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their throats at the latter remark.

Our present prosperity, Thomas insisted, was strictly a result of our preparation for the contingency of war, and would collapse the "Monday following the Sunday on which some angelic choir announced universal peace everlasting." He responded forcefully to questions from the audience, stating that although British socialized medicine was a definite success in his opinion, that he did not favor it within our own government framework. Medical insurance, he said, was a better solution for us. On this point he elaborated that although the wealthier people in Britain who could afford good medical attention might find its quality somewhat impaired, that the poor man, at the other extreme, was receiving infinitely better and more attention than ever before.

Disarmament First
Asked whether he favored world government, he replied yes. But it was unthinkable now with or without Russia. First must come universal disarmament with enforceable UN control.

In attacking his attackers, Thomas singled out the Reader's Digest, "the most potent source of misinformation," which, he said, often refused to allow "the other side of an issue to be printed in its pages." Thomas went on, "I think it is an immoral thing to have so much power to digest only what they want you to know."

Thomas was introduced by Donn DeBernardi, student of the committee which arranged Thomas' visit to Ashland.

Atomic Exhibit . . .
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trips for study of the display." Dr. Stevenson has named Elliott B. MacCracken, assistant professor of mathematics at SOC as coordinator of the exhibit. He is being assisted by Donald E. Lewis, SOC business manager; Elliott D. Becken, assistant superintendent of Medford schools; Glenn L. Linn, principal of Medford Junior high school; and Ryder Berg, chairman of the Jackson County Radiological Monitoring team.

Preliminary arrangements for the exhibit were made last week by Robert J. Gridley and Howard Akers of the general extension division. The show is being offered as a public service and no admission will be charged, said Dr. Stevenson.

Our Council . . .

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to provide a service to the local citizens. City Attorney Harry Skerry also noted that the county was obligated to control dogs.

The police chief said further that the county has the entire facilities for impounding, and that if it got the entire amount of the returns from the sale of licenses within the city it would handle the situation. He noted that at the present time the city court chambers are used for a dog holding center as the law requires holding animals for at least three or five days before disposing of them.

Stansbury noted that it might be possible to levy some more money for dog control.

Councilman Mark Hamaker said, "I don't see why it isn't just as important to police dogs as the people."

The matter will be given further consideration.

1951 Sets Record

Smith gave his annual police report and noted that there were 733 arrests for 1951 which was "the greatest number of any calendar year in the history of the police department."

He also noted that "over half" of the anticipated parking meter revenue (\$12,000) had been collected. Fire Chief Harry McNair stated in his annual report that there were 173 alarms (nine false) for the calendar year. He said that this was a 10 per cent increase over 1950. During the year the fire department made 235 fire inspections and removed 97 hazards, according to the chief.

\$47,225 Fire Loss

McNair also noted that 391 burning permits had been granted and that of the \$2,948,200 worth of property at risk in the year's fires, the actual loss was \$47,225.

Councilman Fred Homes, chairman of both the electrical and water committees, gave reports on both groups. He said that an aerial ladder was deemed necessary for the operation of the newly-ordered mercury-vapor lights and that the committee had used its power to act and ordered the purchase of a ladder which will be used on a pickup truck.

The council approved a committee recommendation for the installation of a light on Sherman street (about midway).

'Iceberg' Report

Homes also made a report on the installation of water taps (six) in Ashland canyon in order to carry on a freezing experiment of canyon drainage to control the flood run-off. He said that the taps were installed and that "we now hope for lots of freezing weather to test the merit of the experiment."

The council renewed a five-year lease with the Ashland YMCA for the use of the Pioneer building.

Councilman Weller noted that the condition of the floor covering in the recorder's office was "deplorable" and moved for a new floor covering throughout the office. He thought that such a covering would add "materially" throughout. No action was taken.

Bids Called For

A resolution was adopted calling for bids on a cash basis for certain property on First and "C" streets owned by the city. The property will be for sale at a minimum price of \$10,000 and bids will be accepted in writing up to February 5. Public notice will follow as to the exact dimensions and requirements of the property for sale.

The council recommended

that six trees on Laurel street (in front of the Charles R. King property) be removed as soon as possible. Weather conditions are now such that the caterpillar up the canyon can't be moved.

Streets 'Bad'

The conditions of Ashland's streets were termed "bad" by the mayor and a stepped-up grading policy was discussed. A discussion of the street conditions adjacent to Magnolia lumber company took place with the opinion by Chairman Hamaker that the street would have to be resurfaced.

The minutes of the special meeting of December 24 were read and it was noted that the council moved that no ordinance (contract) be passed specifically with the electrical employees of Ashland regarding terms of employment. However, the council stated that possibly, sometime in the future, such an ordinance can be drawn up for all city departments.

Phyllis Beardsley's Religious Theatre Work Acclaimed

Ashland and area patrons of the Shakespearean festival will be interested to learn of the doings of Phyllis Beardsley, 1950 festival and SOC publicity director.

From Ollie Prickett's column, "Stage Whispers" in the Pasadena Playhouse's publication, Curtain Call, comes word that her production "If the Light be Darkness," was staged in St. Paul cathedral in Los Angeles and to nationwide notice. "Albert Hay Malotte did the music and Phyllis' Altar Theatre foundation is finding widespread support to bring theatre from whence it sprang the church. Jack Beardsley lit the show and Jerry Oddo played the role."

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