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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

This is March 22, and the first day of spring, if it was not still winter.

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"The hoodlum element" is blamed for a riot in the Utah state prison. It looks like the warden would know enough to keep the hoodlums away from the criminals, who have enough to contend with.

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The law ran down a rum runner yesterday, instead of a rumor.

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J. S. White came to town last Tuesday. He is not quite so fat as we have seen him, but he is fully as jolly. —(Pendleton East Oregonian)—The appraisal and audit.

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A stranger was in town Monday, praising the scenery. The average run of humanity does not pay much attention to the scenery when broke.

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Housecleaning has started. Federal control of carpet-beating is advocated by the Bill Gore Corner Economic conference.

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The hogcallers who will assemble here Sat. are limbering up their vocal chords. Dewey Hill, the Prospect hired man, has yelled down that he would enter the lists.

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The community has learned one thing. Always put a steel band in a man's hat before telling him he is a wonder, if he already knows it. It has also been ruled that what the community needed all the time was a regiment of toreadors.

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A load of hay that should have been out on the Specific Dieway trying to meet an auto stage, sauntered down the Main Stem late Tues.

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THE LOWER ORDER.

The wild creatures do not gorge themselves to please their palates and then take a dose of something to relieve the traffic congestion.

They do not collect glistening pebbles and other play-prettles and then strut before their fellows to show how important they are.

They are not above lying, for even the gentle dove pretends that her wing is broken and flutters on the ground to entice an intruder from her nest. They will sneak and take an unfair advantage; but they do not pretend to love and honor while hate is in their hearts.

Mothers correct their young by means of horn and fang, but adults that are strangers to one another do not meddle in one another's affairs. No beast in the jungle is the keeper of another's conscience.

—("Tooth and Fang")

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The brains, beauty and athletes of this city are all home from the campus this week.

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Beer is scheduled to be on tap April 5 and many who thought Utopia and Paradise would start operation the next day, are awakening. The beer will have to be paid for, the same as gasoline — and, from the looks of things, there will be just as many places to buy beer. It seems the suddenly beloved Democratic party cares only for the revenue—and nothing in particular about slacking the thirst of the masses, when it ordained the return of suds.

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A man was busy yesterday at the courthouse with a shovel, and was entirely surrounded by critics whose better ½'s were home, waiting for them to come and disturb the fish worms in their own backyards. The shoveler finally retaliated and coldly eyed his self-elected superintendents, who merrily whistled at their loafing. The shoveler was voted a greenhorn. He did not get the right leverage on the handle; he did not horrid word upon his hands, and he did not stop every five minutes to spend ten minutes polishing up the business end of the shovel with a shingle. He was an amateur at shoveling. Just before the whistle blew, it was discovered he had dug the hole three feet too deep.

Farmers in Hartnett county, N. C., have perfected a mutual exchange through which they will buy and sell surplus produce.

Ten million out of the 25,000,000 automobiles in use in the United States are estimated to be at least five years old.

The pine beetle causes average loss of $1,000,000 a year in southern states says Fred Merrill, Mississippi state forester.

The Financial Racketeer

THE arrest of Charles E. Mitchell, former president of the National City bank of New York, on a charge of income tax dodging, is a healthful sign.

It was income tax dodging that finally placed Al Capone where he belonged, behind the bars. We admit, it is a far cry from Capone to Mitchell.

But the fact remains, that Banker Mitchell, in his testimony before the senate investigating committee demonstrated that like Capone in the under world of vice and crime, he, in the upper world of high finance, was a racketeer.

He manipulated the huge deposits of his bank—the largest in the world—for his own pecuniary benefit; drew down a yearly rake-off, out of all proportion to his just deserts; and when he saw a chance to gamble with his depositors' money, was not even loyal to his own institution.

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THESE startling revelations, coming at the critical time they did, probably did more to bring on the banking crisis, that shook this country's financial structure to its foundations, than any other one factor.

The matter of tax evasions must be something for the courts to decide.

But Mitchell's moral responsibility, for the loss of public confidence in the banking system of this country—a loss of confidence that fortunately is being rapidly restored—is something that can't be escaped; and if his incarceration and punishment should follow, such a punishment in our judgment, would be in the line of both poetic and absolute justice.

An Important Decision

THE affirmation by the state supreme court, of Judge Norton's ruling in the Benson damage case against the city of Medford, on account of sewage disposal injury, established two important facts.

First, that until this city's sewage disposal method is radically changed, Medford is in danger of losing more money in damage actions than would be required to remedy the condition which causes them.

Second, that Judge Norton has the highest record in the entire state, for being upheld by the supreme court, and the lowest record in the state for reversals.

The first fact emphasizes the necessity of Medford's solving its sewage problem, at the earliest possible moment; not only from the standpoint of reducing the tax burden, but from the standpoint of the city's health and continued growth.

The second fact demonstrates how fortunate Southern Oregon is in having such an able jurist and fair-minded judge, presiding over the circuit court, as is Judge Norton.

Every affirmation by the state supreme court, means reducing the tax burden; every reversal means increasing it.

Absolutely Needless

SPEAKING of tax reduction, did you ever consider what the condition of Jackson county would be today, if the money, energy, and time devoted in the past few years—and particularly in the past six months—to tearing things down in this community, had been devoted TO BUILDING THEM UP?

The most regrettable feature of this entire mess, which culminated so tragically in bloodshed, has been its utter NEEDLESSNESS!

The one time in local history when Jackson county needed a spirit of unity and cooperation, when all our resources and energies SHOULD have been concentrated upon helping the unemployed and unfortunate, has been the time for the most intense dissension and strife.

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HAD this community really been a sink of vice and corruption, had such a civil war been justified in any way, from the standpoint of bettering local conditions, deplorable as such chaos and confusion might have been at such a time, there would have been no just complaint.

BUT NO SUCH CONDITIONS PREVAILED, DO NOT PREVAIL NOW, AND NEVER HAVE PREVAILED.

Conditions have not been perfect, of course, THEY NEVER ARE. But all in all Medford and Jackson county have during their entire history been freer from vice, corruption and the political abuses afflicting so many other parts of the country, than any district in this state or any other.

But because one man was determined to rule this community or ruin it; because a small clique of his followers were determined to further his supremely selfish and seditious designs, regardless of the consequences, a community that normally would have been least affected by the depression, has been nearly ruined by it.

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IF THE money and energy devoted to destroying peace and orderly government in this section of Oregon,—even if HALF of it—had been devoted to aiding the unfortunate, giving work to the idle, and putting our economic house in order, Southern Oregon would today be one of the most prosperous and fortunate sections of the entire Pacific coast, instead of one of the least prosperous and most unfortunate.

Fortunately, however, the worm at last has turned. The battle has not been completely won, but the worst is definitely over.

As a community we must now do, what should have been done long ago. Stand shoulder to shoulder for enforcement of the law, see that those guilty of lawlessness, violence and downright murder, are quickly tried and promptly punished; and at the same time, unite to undo the harm that has been done; declare an advance on every front, to bring order out of chaos, and see that this community realizes that destiny to which the richness of its resources and the high quality of its citizenship, entitles it.

M'NARY BLOCKS BINGHAM NAMING

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—Efforts of Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader to obtain senate confirmation of Robert W. Bingham of Kentucky as ambassador to England were balked today by objections from Senator McNary of Oregon, the republican leader.

The foreign relations committee had unanimously approved the Bingham nomination a few minutes before, but unanimous consent was needed for immediate action by the senate, and with the McNary objection action on confirmation had to be postponed until tomorrow.

McNary explained on the floor he was objecting to action in the absence from the senate chamber of Senator Borah (R., Idaho), former chairman of the foreign relations committee.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M.D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease, diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady in care of The Mail Tribune.

SOME PATIENTS LIKE THE OLD SPANISH METHOD

In our referendum on tonsil removal 66 votes were recorded in favor of the old standard surgical tonsillectomy (with guillotine and snare, or scissors or scalpel or finger dissection) under general anesthesia or local anesthesia.

It may be of interest to quote comments made by some of these:

I had quinsy each winter for 11 years. Always a sore throat. Finally I had tonsils cut out. There was never any return of quinsy after that, and no throat trouble at all. Four others in my family have had their tonsils removed by the old method. Three had satisfactory results. My husband still has an occasional sore throat.—C. E.

I had suffered from frequent attacks of sore throat. My doctor kept telling me I should have my tonsils removed. I kept putting it off till a particularly severe attack. . . . They were removed by the guillotine and snare method, under a local anesthetic. I call it a work of art. . . . What I like is that it is done at once and that is the end of it. It is four years now, and I have never had any throat trouble since.—W. B.

I can't imagine anyone paying $50 to $150 for the removal of tonsils. I had my tonsils out by the "Spanish" method. Certainly it was crude and painful, but it took less than two seconds. There was no anesthesia, no hospitalization. It cost me just $3. I went right home and nursed a sore throat for the rest of the afternoon. That's all.—C. G.

All of these opinions seem fair enough, except the last. Certainly no surgeon could possibly remove tonsils in two seconds. Perhaps C. G. had what was known as tonsillotomy, rather than tonsillectomy—in other words, tonsil cut off rather than tonsil cut out. Tonsillotomy was done with an ingenious implement called tonsillotome. Needless to explain it in detail, but it went snigger-snack, and all in a trice the little pickfork transfixed a good bit of the tonsil, drew it out, and then the guillotine blade sliced it off without further ado. I have done that to some of my most trusting patients, and what is more, I think many of them would agree that the operation was satisfactory. But it is not tonsillectomy. One patient who had suffered quinsy attacks once or twice each year submitted to this tonsillotomy at my hands without even local anesthesia, and he never had another attack of quinsy. No—you're wrong; he is still alive and kicking, though not about the state of his throat.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction these correspondents report, the standard guillotine and snare method of removing tonsils must be characterized as a crude, unnecessarily dangerous and unnecessarily radical procedure in most cases.

As a matter of good scientific pathology it is sufficient to sterilize, disinfect or remove the infected portion of the tonsil, and there is really no sound justification for the idea of the brass specialists that every bit of tonsil must be removed regardless of the extent of the disease or infection. That idea is just part of the racket, and it is high time to warn the public against the tricks of these quacks within the ranks of the regular profession.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Tomatoes Against Acidosis.

In the process of digestion do tomatoes become an alkali or an acid? I am very fond of tomatoes and am in doubt as to whether I would need an alkaline food to counteract the acid. —A. D.

Answer—Liberal use of tomatoes in the diet keeps the blood and tissues normally alkaline. Hindehede found that a daily ration of 11 pounds of tomatoes with 1½ pounds graham bread and five ounces of margarine for three or four days produced a urine with good solvent power over uric acid. As a health rule we should eat tomatoes as freely as we like and never mind about metabolism.

Turpentine Irritates.

In my work, painting, whenever my hands come incontact with turpentine the skin burns, itches and breaks into little blisters. I have used soda, boric acid and vaseline. What treatment would you advise?—Mrs. P. E.

Answer—If you must use turpentine, put on heavy rubber gloves. Or apply to your hands before beginning work a little castor oil and lanolin, equal parts, and don't wipe too much of it off.

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THEY RENOUNCE G. G. C.

They Withdraw.

To the Editor:

We hereby withdraw our names from the Good Government Congress.

G. W. HILTON.
FLOYD HILTON.
MRS. G. W. HILTON.
GEORGIA GUTCHES.
ARCHIE ROCK.
PEARL PENCE.
RALPH MARK.
A. E. TICE.
BEULAH TICE.

They See Mistake.

To the Editor:

We, James G. Roberts and Mrs. James G. Robert, being members of the Good Government Congress, wish to withdraw this date, March 21, 1933, as specified. We joined the Good Government Congress in gobd faith but we see our mistake. Please print this item.

JAMES G. ROBERTS.
MRS. JAMES G. ROBERTS.
Jacksonville, Ore.

More Withdrawals.

To the Editor:

We, the undersigned, having unwittingly become members of the Good Government Congress, by reason of a misunderstanding as to the purposes and intents of said organization, want to publicly announce that we absolutely repudiate the teachings and conduct of said organization and hereby publicly resign therefrom and pledge our utmost support to law and order.

HARRY STEELE.
CYRIL STEELE.
T. M. COKER.
AUGUST LANG.
E. J. BUTTERFIELD.
ALVIN WILSON.
ANNA WILSON.
H. W. KEYS.
MRS. W. H. KEYS.
L. F. LUND.
W. C. WARD.

To the Editor:

I joined the Good Government Congress with the understanding that it was to uphold the law. Since that body does not uphold the law I wish to withdraw from the said organization.

AXEL SPJUTH.

Medford, Ore.

Editorial Comment

Does Fehl Mean What He Says?

Earl H. Fehl, who for years preached a doctrine of hatred, who for years hurled denunciations at practically every public servant in Medford, who found a kindred spirit in L. A. Banks who is today a self-confessed killer, taken into court on a charge of complicity in the ballot theft, wails woefully that he is the victim of a "gigantic political frameup."

Fehl, who after he was honored by election to the office of county judge, instead of placing public good above his own personal petty prejudices, headed the county into a maelstrom of internal strife, wails about the mythical "gang."

If Mr. Fehl would stop to analyze the situation he would know that if such a "gigantic political" gang, such as he has imagined, did exist in Jackson county he never would have received the Republican nomination for county judge and neither would he have been elected.

Unfortunately Jackson county has not been well organized politically—and when it comes to picking good ones and bad ones for office, we suppose honors are about even so far as Republicans and Democrats go (Republicans must claim Fehl and Democrats must claim Sheriff Schermerhorn.) And so Mr. Fehld went into office.

Time and circumstances, we are taught, make heroes. Earl Fehl became county judge with Jackson county in a turmoil. A study of the situation will reveal that the turmoil consisted largely of woeful wailing malcontents over imaginary wrongs. The time and the circumstances were propitious for a real leader.

Either possessed of an enlarged ego or of a childish conception of things proper, Fehl on his first day in office started a turmoil when he took issue with the appointment of R. E. Nealon to a county commissionership by the retiring members of the court on their last day in office.

There were regular legal channels through which Fehl might have sought to establish legality of Nealon's appointment. There were many who thought perhaps the appointment was ill advised. But Fehl could not or would not seek a calm, unbiased settlement of the question. He insisted on making court sessions ridiculous.

"I am the duly elected and qualified judge of Jackson county, judge of all the people" was the oft repeated declaration of the judge.

Headlong he plunged the entire courthouse into a maelstrom of discord. That other public officials were just as duly "elected and qualified" as he, seemed never to enter into his head.

Discord reigned in whatever Fehl participated.

Once in office Fehl began building up a political machine—the so-called Good Government Congress was the child of L. A. Banks and Earl Fehl. Fehl needed some tangible organization and Banks needed the adulation of followers to satisfy his ego.

Court sessions became hectic. No official could be expected to perform his tasks efficiently in the turmoil which existed.

Every action of Fehl since he became county judge belies his statement "I always stood for justice and law enforcement through the orderly process of a democratic form of government."

He refused in the Nealon controversy to recognize the "orderly process" of a democratic form of government.

A vast political power in the Good Government Congress was the Fehl-Banks hope. Had there been a "gang" in power in Jackson county such an organization would never have been permitted to develop unchallenged.

No, Mr. Fehl will have to make another statement to be consistent.

He stood by L. A. Banks when the latter threatened bloodshed and revolution—and then he denounced such bloodshed as a "wanton killing."

He says he stands for justice and law enforcement—and yet he has criticized the courts, the judges, the attorneys, the peace officers and any court decision not in his favor was held unfair and prejudiced.

He charged a "gigantic political frameup to rob me of my position as judge of Jackson county," and yet we believe the only political plans which have been laid with any degree of organization in the last year have been those of Banks and Fehl—less credit to the sound, right thinking people, who sat by with an attitude of indifference and apathy and saw develop the grimly tragic situation we face today.

Again we say, if Earl Fehl has one remaining spark of a sense of obligation to the good people of Jackson county, he won't wait for ouster proceedings, he'll step out and if the courts clear him of charges against him, then he can come back with no taint of auspicion attached to him—other than that of the moral responsibility he must feel for the turmoil in Jackson county, which has resulted in bloodshed.—Ashland Tidings.

Communications

Fehl's Effrontery.

To the Editor:

And now comes Earl Fehl, county judge of Jackson county, and says he deplores the wanton killing of George Prescott! This is the very "head and front" of effrontery.

Earl Fehl and L. A. Banks were members of the so-called Good Government Congress (Good Going Commissary is a better name for it). Earl Fehl, in the sessions of the Good Government Congress, heard L. A. Banks repeatedly declare the use of violence to accomplish his purpose. He repeatedly heard L. A. Banks say that he would kill any officer who attempted to arrest him. He repeatedly saw in the columns of L. A. Banks' newspaper, the statement that he would resist arrest and if need be, shed blood to succeed in resisting arrest. L. A. Banks was always commending Earl Fehl, and Earl Fehl was always commending L. A. Banks. The processes of their minds were the same. The same printing press that printed the paper of L. A. Banks, in which he said he would shed blood rather than be arrested, was the printing press that was used to print the Pacific Record-Herald, the paper of Earl Fehl.

Nightly, Earl Fehl, together with other members of the so-called Good Government Congress, met at the residence of L. A. Banks.

Earl Fehl cannot say that he did not know what L. A. Banks would do if an officer came to arrest him. And nowhere in any of the speeches made by Earl Fehl or in any of the newspaper articles written by Earl Fehl was there a syllable condemning the remarks and the editorial statements made by Banks that he would kill any officer who came to arrest him.

Earl Fehl stood on the courthouse steps beside L. A. Banks, and heard L. A. Banks say that he would lead a revolution in the county; but Earl Fehl did not lift his voice in protest against such an act of violence proposed against the government of this county. In the residence of L. A. Banks there was found a veritable arsenal, and with the intimacy existing between Banks and Fehl, it cannot be expected that Fehl did not know that Banks did have this arsenal and that he intended to use it upon such an occasion as he deemed proper, and in violation of the laws of his country. When Earl Fehl feels the net closing in on him, and George Prescott lying cold in death from the bullet fired by L. A. Banks, then and only then, does Earl Fehl express any words in opposition of L. A. Banks.

Earl Fehl came into the courtroom last Saturday with both hands gloved. Was Earl Fehl fearful that some fingerprint of his might be left on some instrument that would disclose his conection with the ballot box stealing? We wonder if the men and women who signed his bail bond had ever contemplated the close and intimate association between Earl Fehl and L. A. Banks, while L. A. Banks was repeatedly counselling violence and repeatedly stating that he would resist arrest even to the extent of bloodshed. And George Prescott sleeps the everlasting sleep at the hands of Earl Fehl's bosom friend, L. A. Banks!

The tears that are shed by Earl Fehl over the death of George Prescott at the hands of his intimate association, L. A. Banks, are crocodile tears, and deceive no one. And his statement of his regret at the cold-blooded killing of George Prescott can be accepted with no more credence than his statement that he did not know that George Prescott had been killed' until three days after his death, when every citizen in the most remote part of Jackson county knew it within a half day after it occurred. Where was Earl Fehl during all this time, that he could not get that information?

Earl Fehl was violently opposed to the recounting of the ballots, although a proper petition was filed with the clerk of the circuit court, asking for a recount of these ballots. Henrietta B. Martin, the president of the Good Government Congress, in the presence of Earl Fehl, stated that these ballots should have been destroyed months ago which would have been a violation of the law; but Earl Fehl never protested against this expression of the Good Government Congress, of which he was a member. In fact, Earl Fehl never, through his newspaper, the Pacific Record-Herald, nor otherwise, ever lifted his voice against the violence proposed by L. A. Banks, nor the violation of law proposed by Henrietta B. Martin, the Good Government president. And Earl Fehl's regret at the wanton killing of George Prescott contains no element of sincerity. Many months ago he could have broken off the intimate relationship he sustained with L. A. Banks when he knew that L. A. Banks was counselling a violation of the law, but his intimacy with Banks grew greater as time sped on. And his countenancing of the inflammatory utterances of L. A. Banks were allowed by Earl Fehl to go unrebuked until George Prescott received a bullet in his heart from the gun of L. A. Banks, the intimate asociation of Earl Fehl.

Isn't it about time to clean up these violations of the law, and these men of whom Earl Fehl is one, who countenance revolution? Isn't it about time to have a vacancy declared in the office of the county judge?

JOHN DOLE.

Foots Creek.

Phoenix

PHOENIX, Mar. 22.—(Spl.)—Thursday club will hold their regular card party meeting at the home of Marie Furry, Thursday. This is to be an afternoon meeting and all members are urged to be present. Mrs. Furry and Mrs. Loffer will act as hostesses.

Mrs. H. W. Frame, who has been on the sick list for the past few days, is reported very much improved. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. Earl Loffer entertained Sunday evening for a group of her friends. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ward, Mr. Loffer and the hostess, Mrs. Loffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor of Ashland were dinner guests at the W. C. Gannaway home Monday.

Mrs. A. N. Solias of Compton, formerly of this town, writes friends of their terrifying earthquake experiences in southern California. They are safe and their home was not torn down, as many were.

Mrs. Jim McAbee, Jeanette and Harold spent Saturday at the home of Mrs. M. F. Sheets. Jeanette spent the week-end with Eleanor.

Mr. and Mrs. George Drake enjoyed dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ward Tuesday evening, the occasion being Mrs. Drake's birthday.

Mr. Berger, who has been staying with his son in California, returned home Sunday. His son, Fred Berger, who is district manager for Betz Packing company, brought him home by auto.

Mrs. C. W. Ward and Mrs. F. A. Denzer were out calling on friends Tuesday.

In our list of honor-roll students for the Phoenix grade school, which was published last week, one grade was omitted, this being the third. Students from this grade on the honor-roll are: Marita Furry, Pauline Jacobs, Dacid Williams and Patricia Furry.

Margaret Klinger, one of the local high school girls, is reported as being unable to attend school as she hurt her back while at the Cliff's last Sunday.

Beagle

BEAGLE, March 22. — (Spl.) — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ellis entertained several of their friends St. Patrick's day. Those who enjoyed the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Luke Ryan and family, Mr. Sprouse, Mr. and Mrs. Seegmiller, Mr. and Mrs. Grant and son, Donald, and the Edler family.

Mr. Finley and sisters Misses Martha and Edna, were week-end visitors at the Blaine home.

Mr. Dews made a trip to town Tuesday to get parts for his car.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pollard have rented their ranch above Talent and have moved back on their ranch here.

Thelma Sanderson spent the first of the week in the Meadows, visiting her friend, Mary Sollee.

About 65 friends and neighbors gathered at the Sanderson home Saturday evening to enjoy dancing and cards. The evening ended with refreshments at midnight.

The "Antioch Pioneer" came off the press Monday morning and the school children are putting out a better paper each issue.

Wild flowers are blooming now and the school children are bringing in large bouquets of lamb tongues.

Fayora Zuck, who returned home from the hospital in Medford a week ago is not doing so well as she should. It is feared that complications of some other nature are keeping her down. She is unable to leave her bed at this writing.

Friendly neighbors held their regular meeting Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ryan as leader. Preparation for an Easter program is being made. Rev. Millard will hold preaching services also. Community day will be observed with a basket lunch and the children will have an Easter egg hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed of Sams Valley attended Sunday school at Antioch Sunday morning.

Farming has gotten under way here. Ground that was plowed last fall is being planted and ground that is well drained is being plowed, but the lower land is still too wet.

An oxy-electric torch invented by Americans is capable of cutting steel under water, operating much like torches above the surface.

Physicians are estimated to collect little more than four-fifths of their accounts, not counting services performed without charge.

BANKS FOLLOWERS LAID KIDNAP PLOT FOR CO. OFFICIALS

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posed by a woman present that Banks be given dictatorial powers. He himself opposed this, but agreed to act in an "advisory capacity."

The authorities say they now know the place where the kidnapped officials were to be held, and that their resignations were to be the ransom price. The evidence collected will probably be a cause for grand jury probing. The names of those involved are known.

About the time the kidnaping plot was hatching, a demonstration was held at the courthouse, at which Banks and E. H. Fehl were the main speakers, and demands were made for the resignation of Commissioner R. E. Nealon, District Attorney Codding, and Circuit Judge Norton. It was at this demonstration, that Banks told his hearers, as he screamed with rage: "George Codding must be put out of office, and I don't care how you do it."

After this session, Banks stood at the exit door of the county court room and shook hands. The same day petitions were signed demanding the resignations.

In his writings also about this time, Banks cited the kidnaping then prominent in the national news, as proof of the "breakdown of law and order," and deplored them, while concocting a similar outrage.

Authorities also regard it as significant, that in the second speech Banks made at the "Good Government Congress" meeting, the night that the ballots were stolen, he took his fountain pen, and placed a match in the clip, improvising a cross. He declared that one of his followers arrested on a gun charge was being "crucified by the gang." Banks dwelt at some length on the "significance" of the crude insignia. Officials think that the pen signified the "write-in" names in the sheriff's race and that the match signified those "in the know", that the destruction of the ballots was underway. The "cross" was greeted vociferously by some present, while the majority sat surprised. To the 100 or more onlookers through the window, it was "another one of those things."

When Banks had finished, E. L. Malkemus made a fiery talk, and Rev. O. R. Kring read a poem of his own construction. Both are held in the county jail on criminal syndicalism charges. Malkemus posed as an ordained minister. Kring is a leader of a spiritualistic group.

In Memorium

TO GEORGE PRESCOTT.

Peaceful be your silent slumber,
Peaceful in the grave so low.
You no more will join our number,
You no more our sorrows know.

We will miss you comrade, brother,
As we go our weary way,
Miss you in the early morning and
Through evening shadows gray.

You were always bright and cheerful
And your duties never ahirked,
Always peaceable and willing though
The duties sometimes irked.

Do we wish you back, no never,
You are free of toil and strife,
You have earned the peace you
Entered in the upper better life.

Though we mourn your passing from (us
We still glory in your gain,
You will never more know sorrow,
Never feel the stab of pain.

For the loved ones left behind you
We offer silent prayer,
That their grief on earth be softened
And they meet you over there.

—May H. Forbes of Jacksonville.

Antelope

ANTELOPE, March 22. — (Spl.) — Antelope social club met with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Riley March 15. Present were Mesdames Henry Owens, John Rader of Eagle Point, Harvey Stanley, Fred Dutton, Fred Luy, C. C. Wilson and C. L. Goff of Medford, T. T. Hatlett, Bill Bigham, Ted Grisham, W. C. Davies, Jim Owens, B. K. Riggs, Bob Baize, Nell von der Hellen, J. Holmis of Eagle Point, John C. Grebb, Paul Kurz, Art Kent and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Huston. After lunch games were played. The table was decorated with St. Patrick's colors. At 2:30 a miscellaneous shower was given to the new bride, Mrs. Ted Grisham. A number of nice gifts were presented.

Mrs. Ted Grisham is the sister-in-law of Mrs. Jack Woods.

Antelope Social club will meet with Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Riggs April 19.

A surprise birthday party was given in honor of Mrs. Earl McKay of Medford March 17. She received a number of presents and each woman took a quilt block with her name embroidered on it, and the quilt was put together by the women, and partly quilted that day.

Those present were Mesdames Ivy Waldon, Mary Myers, Bill Bigham, B. K. Riggs, Bob Baize, Aleta Bigham, Mildred Peyton, Pearl McKay, Carl McKay, Lola Reed, Lleia Smith, Etta Conlon, Myrtle Childers, Bertha Childers, Grandmother Richardson, Blanche McGrow, Miss Mary Edington, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McKay and their son and daughter, Robert and Anna Lee.

Barnie Riggs, Art Kent and Basil Bigham helped Elbert and Bill Bigham brand calves March 14.

Mrs. Helen Culbertson visited at the Barnie Riggs home March 16.

Hog-Calling Entrance Blank

Chamber of Commerce,
Medford, Oregon.

I herewith enter my name for the Hog-calling contest to be held in Medford, Saturday, March 25th.

Name .....

Address .....

(State Mr., Mrs. or Miss)

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