

Communications

Phil Metschan Sends a Poem
To the editor: I am enclosing herewith copy of a poem entitled "The Feast of Apple Bloom", written by the famous Oregon poet, Samuel L. Simpson.

It should be of particular interest to the people of Jackson county, because, according to Mrs. E. B. Watson, a native daughter of Jackson county, born in Jacksonville, Oregon in 1859, and now living in Portland, its author conceived and wrote it when a visitor at the home of his sister, a Mrs. Huffer, at Jacksonville, in the year 1875. There is no doubt, therefore, that it is the first advertisement ever written of the beautiful Rogue River valley, and part of its inspiration was the blooming orchards of this famous section.

PHIL METSCHAN.
P.S. The poem was published, along with others of the author, in 1910 by W. T. Burney in a book entitled "The Gold-Gated West".

The Feast of Apple Bloom
When the sky is a dream of violet
And the days are rich with gold,
And the satin robe of the earth is set
With the jewels wrought of old;

When the woodlands wave in choral seas
And the purple mountains loom,
It is heaven to come with birds and bees
To the feast of apple bloom.

For the gabled roof of the home arose
O'er the sheen of the orchard snow,
And is still my shrine when storms repose
And the gnarly branches bow;

While the music of childhood's singing heart,
That was lost in the backward gloom,
May be heard when the robins meet and part
At the feast of the apple bloom.

And I think, when the trees display a crown
Like the gleam of a resting dove,
Of a face that was framed in tresses brown
And aglow with a mother's love;

And the end of the orchard path she stands,
While I laugh at my manhood's doom,
As my spirit flies with lifted hands
To the feast of apple bloom.

When the rainbow paths of faded skies
Are restored with the diamond rain,
And the joys of my wasted paradise
Are returning to earth again;

It is sadder than death to know how brief
Are the smiles that the dead assume;
But a moment allowed, a flying leaf
From the feast of apple bloom.

But a golden arch forever shines
In the dim and darkening past,
Where I stand again as day declines,
And the world is bright and vast;

For the glory that lies along the lane
Is endeared with sweet perfume
And the world is ours, and we are twain
At the feast of apple bloom.

She was more than fair in the wreath she wore
Of the creamy buds and blows
And she comes to me from the speechless shore
When the flowering orchard glows;

And I sigh for the dreams so sweet and swift,
That are laid in a sacred tomb—
Yet are nothing at last but fragrant drift
From the feast of apple bloom.

Mr. Burch Supports the S. P.
To the editor:
This will not be a very popular letter, but I hope that it may interest you.

I have been away from home most of the time during the controversy over the abandonment of the "Shasta" by Southern Pacific company and since my return have been reading the back numbers of the paper. The topic is interesting to me because there are few people in

Rogue River valley who will suffer greater personal inconvenience from the change than myself. My trips to northern California are frequent and I can hardly afford to make them by private car, airplanes do not land at many of the points where my business calls me and I dislike buses intensely. The seat which appears to have been designed for a 120-pound girl is not comfortable for a 200-pound man, and while such a man might get along all right, if the other half of the seat were occupied by a girl of that size, it is frequently my luck to find the other half of the seat well filled by a larger man than myself.

It is true that for many years, Southern Pacific has appeared to treat Rogue River valley as a step-child, but let us give the devil his due. How much passenger traffic have those trains had during the past 10 years? Frequently, I have seen no more than two Pullman passengers besides myself on the train and I have sometimes suspected that those two were traveling on passes.

As to freight, it is not many years since a prominent Medford merchant told me that he did not route a pound of freight over that road if he could avoid it. I do not know how many others have the same attitude, but perhaps Rosie could tell.

I believe that Southern Pacific's plea for more locomotives to move defense material is genuine. Recent press dispatches tell of west-bound defense freight backed up as far east as Salt Lake and of the desperate struggle of American railroads to buy rolling stock in competition with the British, who are trying to equip their new road in Iran for the aid of the Soviets.

Finally, I quote from a letter written by a mine manager in California on January 10, to his principal customer. He said: "All the urging in the world will be without effect in obtaining the extra cars and getting service. Already we know that the Southern Pacific is short of LOCOMOTIVES as well as cars."

The letter was in reply to a request from a chemical plant to increase shipments by six carloads per day. That ore is used for the manufacture of sulphuric acid, which in turn is used for oil refineries manufacturing gasoline needed for our airplanes.

We are in the war and why not take it even though suffering minor inconvenience! Albert Burch.
January 22, 1942.
(Ed. note: There has been no opposition by the Mail Tribune, or anyone else, to abandonment of the one-horse passenger service to and from California if that second-hand rolling stock is NECESSARY FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. To date no evidence has been produced that it is, while General DeWitt, in command of the area affected, expressly denies he ever requested such action by the Southern Pacific.)

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Evangelistic Quartet



The Edwards Ladies' Evangelistic quartet will direct a southern Oregon evangelistic campaign under auspices of the Methodist Church of the Nazarene, Holly at First streets, beginning Sunday morning and continuing nightly to and including Sunday, February 8. The quartet is exceptionally talented and ranks as outstanding in the nation, in the field of gospel music. Besides vocal renditions they play saxophones and accordions, also the marimba.

Rev. Grace Edwards, preaching evangelist of the quartet, is exceptionally gifted as a public speaker.

The quartet includes, (from left to right, above) Miss Lewis, Miss Chaffee, Rev. Edwards, and Miss Gilbert.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to hear them nightly during the evangelistic series.

New Guinea and slightly northeast of Australia. The Japs are hurrying to close the entrances to the South China sea against allied reinforcements they know are sure to come sooner or later.

Consult your map again at this point. It tells the story much more clearly than words can.

Australia is worried. Premier Curtin says today: "These mass attacks (of Jap planes) show the peril to Australia is nearer, clearer and deadlier than ever."

THE Jap navy minister, Vice-Admiral Shigetara Shimada (heard on the Jap radio) says today: "The Japanese navy virtually commands the Pacific from the Indies and Malaya to the west coast of the United States."

He is echoed by Premier General Hideki Tojo, who puts in this as his two bits worth: "Japan plans increasingly vigorous operations in the Pacific and will continue fighting until the U. S. and Britain are brought to their knees."

THAT, of course, is pure boasting, intended to make the Japs at home feel good. If Japan really did have command of the Pacific and really did plan vigorous operations clear up to the coast of the U. S. her big shots would be keeping quiet about it, hoping to take us by surprise when they did strike.

IN Burma, where a few days ago heavy Chinese forces were supposed to be gathering to take the Japs in the rear, the Japs are reported to be taking the offensive. (Recalling the ancient story of the horse with the epileptic, the Japs appear to have "blowed first.") There's a screw loose in Burma.

JAP warplanes are ranging over the islands of the Indies as far as New Britain, east of

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Riviera
Riviera, Jan. 23—(Spl.)—Marvin Dole of Trinity Center spent several days here last week with John Fleming.

Word was received by friends that Donald Skelton was with the group of marines on Wake Island when it was attacked by the Japs.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Van Lindt of Klamath Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Robertson and Mrs. Helen Fleming of Grants Pass were visitors at the Elias Fleming home Jan. 16.

Mr. Jim Furrier of Burbank, Calif., called on friends here last week. Mrs. Furrier will be remembered as Marie Korth.

Keith Barnes visited his parents Monday and reports his wife is still confined to her bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Yordon and daughter, Patricia, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Miller, the occasion was in honor of Miss Patricia's 15th birthday.

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ma, whose premier U. Saw has just been arrested by the British and charged with treason. When he failed to get dominion status from the British government, he is said to have started dicker-ing with the Japs.

Burma is important, both as a gateway to India and as the southern terminus of the Burma road. There will be hard fighting there sooner or later.

FROM Cairo comes the story that the worst rain and sand storms seen in ten years are hampering the movements of British land and air forces in Libya against German General Rommel's African forces.

There is probably more behind British caution in Libya than meets the eye at the moment. For days there have been hints in the news that the axis is getting ready to lay a new egg somewhere.

Africa is the likeliest place for this egg laying feat and the British are doubtless preparing to meet whatever may come.

THE good news continues to come from Russia, where the Red army has taken Moshaisk and driven on six miles to the westward.

Moshaisk is the apex of a Nazi triangle pointing toward Moscow, only 57 miles distant. The Germans have been hanging onto it desperately as the jumping-off place for their next spring's offensive against the Russians. They are said by Moscow to be fleeing westward through a 70-mile-wide gap which the Red army is seeking to close behind them.

Russian sources in London say the Red army has HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of completely fresh reserves ready to hurl into a giant offensive along the entire 1200-mile front.

If that is true, it is important. History tells us it is the side with the last reserves to be

thrown in at the critical moment that wins the last battle. It is the last battle that wins the war.

BATHTUB STOLEN
Alameda, Cal.—(U.P.)—This city's "meanest thief" for the moment is the one who took advantage of the city's first blackout to steal the new \$35 white enamel bathtub awaiting installation at the home of Victor Richt, Jr.

JOE LACKS EXERCISE AS PRIVATE IN ARMY
New York, Jan. 23.—(U.P.)—Heavyweight Boxing Champion Joe Louis, now an army private, was asked if he got a chance to exercise at Camp Upton.

"No," replied Joe, who has his own ideas about exercise. "I just drill two hours in the morning and two in the afternoon."

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