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Medford and Jackson County History

from the files of the Mail

Tribune 10, 20, 30 and 40 years

ago.

10 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1922

(It was Saturday)

Oregon State Highway Com-

mission asks for bids on con-

struction of access roads at

Camp White.

From Arthur Perry's Ye

Smudge Pot column: There was

a flurry of snow Tuesday morn-

ing causing Californians here to

yell "Hooray! Just like Los

Angeles."

20 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1902

(It was Monday)

Democratic registration in

Jackson county shows one-third

increase as great interest is

shown in party's primary race

for sheriff.

Portland engineer meets with

Jackson County Chamber of

Commerce regarding construction

of dry ice plant here.

30 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1892

(It was Tuesday)

Director of Oregon bureau of

mines and geology reports here

that mineral wealth of Jackson

county is unlimited.

Medford Postmaster William

Warner opens "campaign" to

have complete addresses, includ-

ing street numbers, placed on all

local mail.

40 YEARS AGO

March 28, 1852

(It was Thursday)

Rogue valley orchardists

doubt necessity of smudging

during 1912 because of un-

usually mild weather.

Group of Medford women an-

nounce plans to replant trees on

railroad right of way along

South Front street after few

trees from 1911 planting found

to be dead.

Oregon Corn Crop

Sets New Record

Portland—(U.P.)—Oregon farm-

ers last year boosted their pro-

duction of sweet corn to a record

of 108,000,000 pounds, according

to the U. S. Department of Agri-

culture.

The state's average yield per

acre was four tons in 1931, com-

pared to a 10-year average of 3.6

tons.

E. C. Gross, Oregon representa-

tive of the American corn com-

pany, said virtually the entire

Oregon sweet corn production

was sold to canners and freezers

last year.

Court Records

POLICE COURT

Henry W. Lindvall, violation of

basic rule, \$10.

DISTRICT COURT

Burrell A. Powell, no license plate

light, \$10.

Robert J. Allen, passing with in-

sufficient clearance, \$10.

George E. M. Saper, no motor ve-

hicle license, \$8.

Lester A. Winters, failure to display

FUC permit, \$15.

R. L. Thurman, assault and bat-

tery, \$10.

Roger L. Weiss, failure to stop at

stop sign, \$10.

Warrent P. Andrews, failure to stop

at stop sign, \$10.

Lawrence R. Linebaugh, violation of

basic rule, \$8.

CIRCUIT COURT

William Arthur Gidney vs. Betty

R. Gidney, divorce complaint.

Probate Department

Estate of Halstead Degman, petition.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds to at

tend Saturday.

"Pop" Gates

Civic and public service hold few rewards. Usually the personal satisfaction in earnest effort to get things done for the common good, to be of help to one's fellow men, is about all that can be toted up on the credit side when life's ledger is closed.

There was more than that, however, for Charles E. Gates when there came the final balancing of the book. For Pop, as he was known from one end of Oregon to the other, left not only a long and impressive record of endeavor in behalf of his city and state but tangible evidence of accomplishment as well.

IT WAS during his time as mayor of Medford that the city put into use a new water supply, substituting the pure and cold flow from Big Butte Springs which gushes forth at the foot of Mt. McLaughlin, for the contaminated and insufficient water from Fish Lake.

This major project sounds easy of accomplishment as it is told now, but there was a long and bitter legal battle for the right to use of the springs, there was the campaign for sale of \$1,000,000 in bonds to finance the pipe line, and there were other vexing matters which required vision and leadership to finally resolve. Pop Gates worked hard for this project and Medford's present unsurpassed water system is one of the things for which our residents will always revere his memory.

The work of straightening out the city's depression-snarled finances was another major accomplishment recorded during his administration as mayor.

HIS efforts in behalf of good roads brought appointment as a state highway commissioner and as a director of the Oregon State Motor association, in which capacities he was able to render service to the entire state.

Pop's ability and capacity for leadership were also recognized by his election to highest office in the civic and fraternal organizations with which he affiliated.

With his passing Medford loses a link with one of the most trouble-beset yet most progressive and interesting periods in its history.—E.C.F.

Warm Welcome for Jack Frost

Jack Frost, perennial enemy of Pacific coast fruit growers, will be in for a warmer reception than usual this spring for orchard heating is to be tried on a larger scale in some regions and in others there will be experiments in a change of defense tactics.

UP IN Oregon's Wasco county, the cherry growers, mindful of the freeze which ruined a large part of last year's crop are buying up old automobile tires and otherwise preparing to defend their trees. Should weather conditions require setting the tires afire, it will be the first time that such general heating has been adopted.

The Dalles Chronicle in telling of the preparations this year explains that the severe loss in 1931 convinced growers that some precaution in the way of frost warning service and heat production should be undertaken.

A factor which has worked against earlier adoption of smudging in The Dalles region is the uneven terrain. Temperatures do not remain the same in all parts of orchards growing on hillsides. Since smoke tends to drift downhill it usually leaves unprotected the parts of the orchards which are normally the coldest.

HERE in the Rogue valley there has been a gradual change from the old open top oil pot, which produces a heavy smudge, to a type which gives better combustion with less smoke and more heat. And now there is prospect of still another improvement. It is understood that two or three orchards are planning to try out huge specially made fans, with or without heaters, designed to keep air circulating through the trees and prevent frost damage.

The fan system has been in operation in some California citrus areas for considerable time. Around Yakima in Washington state, where it has been used for the past ten years it has been found that a control range of four degrees is possible with non-heater fans, and seven degrees with heated fans.

THE fan experiments here will be watched with interest for general, or even partial supplanting of smudge pots by fans would bring much welcome relief for those who suffer from the hitherto necessary but annoying smoke pall which accompanies the spring frost season.—E.C.F.

Chrome Miners Asked To Answer Questions

The Oregon state department of geology and mineral industries today requested Oregon and California chrome miners to answer three questions regarding chrome production.

The questions are:

How much chrome can you reasonably expect to produce this year and over the next three years? What would be the result if total purchase of chrome was raised from 200,000 tons to 500,000 tons? What would be the effect if each individual quota was raised from 2,000 tons to 5,000 tons maximum per year?

A survey of the answers will be forwarded to federal officials in Washington, D. C., representatives of the state department.

RAT SNATCHES TEETH
Memphis, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Irby Shelton is out to get a certain field rat. The rat stole Shelton's false teeth when he left the plate in his workshop on night.

The building was purchased by Sam Zidell, Portland, on a bid of \$21,100.

Crosstown

By Roland Coe



"I've decided to keep on with my violin lessons, Mama, only I'll strum it and sing cowboy songs."

Babson -- Consumer Buying

By Roger W. Babson
Babson Park, Mass., March 28, (Special to Mail Tribune) — I hammered away at inflation, urging readers against panic buying which was one of the immediate causes of inflation. If any medals are to be awarded to the men of the year who helped curb inflation, they don't go to Truman or DiSalle. During 1931, manufacturers were urging the public to buy or else be sorry! Television was an especially good example. What happened? Many manufacturers, unable to find dynamic leadership in Washington with an intelligent plan for Korea, planned for the worst—a long war and critical shortages. They made so much at such a pace and at such high prices that shelves and warehouses became loaded.

At first, the gullible were panicked into buying. Again, television was a good example. The more thoughtful waited. Shortages failed to materialize. Buyer psychology changed. Consumers stopped listening to advertisements and stopped buying. Consumers did what the President and DiSalle and all the rest of the governmental hierarchy couldn't do—halted the price rise and the inflationary spiral!

Buyer Resistance Curtails Production
One of the greatest periods in our production history was 1930-31. We made annually over \$3 billions worth of goods and services. Even when taking into account inflated prices, this figure represents the greatest physical volume ever produced by our country, topping even the war years of 1942-43. But people failed to buy these goods, although they were financially able to do so. Sales resistance developed sharply in textiles and most consumer durables, in radio and television, major appliances, furniture, carpets, household goods, and automobiles.

Because of this sales resistance, for example, 50 per cent fewer radio and television sets were produced in the last half of '31 as in the same period in '30; less than 40 per cent as many major appliances; 20 per cent fewer furniture; and 50 per cent fewer carpets, even although the carpet industry is not primarily affected by limitations of material. Here, then, is a simple lesson of action and reaction which I have been preaching for years.

Truce Talks Encourage Conservative Buying
A review of the 1931 price trends will help to make clear the trends for 1932. The Bureau of Labor Statistics "Composite Wholesale Index" at the end of 1931 was but a fraction higher than at the end of 1930. The first quarter of 1931 saw an advance in prices of 4.1 per cent to an all-time high in March. This was followed by a 3.9 per cent decline. This pattern has thus far continued through 1932.

No doubt the Korean truce talks have encouraged conservative buying. The administration must, however, because of the coming elections, continue to stimulate business—even if artificially. The Democrats cannot afford any letdown in the demands for materials, merchandise, or labor; so don't be frightened by any nonsense out of Washington. I look for no more panicky buying ahead. The urge to save will increase and the urge to buy will decrease. This should help make your 53-cent dollar go a little further. When shopping in 1932, shop for value. In areas of oversupply, bargain.

Patronize Honest Local Merchants
The stability of the past few months is undoubtedly due to many causes, primarily to the fact that the people have at last developed intelligent buying habits. Don't let anybody panic you into buying because they say the article they sell will soon come into short supply. The chances are this will be so. Buy from reputable local merchants whom you know and trust. Any sales organization which resorts to scare selling is encouraging inflation, and inflation may become a more deadly enemy than Soviet Russia. Also, remember that wholesale prices have declined considerably the past few weeks and this should ultimately help consumers.

Politicians Wait Jackson-Jefferson Dinner Saturday

By LYLE C. WILSON
Washington—(U.P.)—Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois will be guest star of the Jefferson-Jackson dinner at which Democratic leaders and others will \$100 to spare will gather here Saturday night.

Other governors will be present. Mere table dressing. The diners will want a look at the man who has figured this week in an explosion of publicity tabbing him as President Truman's choice for next president. Truman Refuses Comment
Stevenson will be introduced and all of those present or tuned in will gauge his applause and listen for those telltale Southern rebel yells—of which not many are likely to be heard.

Back from Florida, Mr. Truman refused to comment on published reports that he had picked Stevenson to run this year. Stevenson said with great emphasis that he could not and would not seek the nomination.

Politicians will not be impressed by the governor's emphasis. They will examine his language. If Stevenson had desired to eliminate himself from consideration by the Democratic national convention he could have followed the historical precedent of Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman. Door Closed Half Way
Sherman said: If nominated, I will not run; if elected I will not serve. Stevenson's statement that he would not seek the nomination does not foreclose the possibility that the nomination might seek him. He closed the door half way.

Mr. Truman will make the principal Jefferson-Jackson dinner address. If he disclosed then his own intentions regarding the Democratic nomination, Washington will be surprised. If he fails to make a blistering political attack on the Republican party, Washington will be even more surprised.

Four years ago, a few months before the 1932 presidential conventions, Mr. Truman began before Jefferson-Jackson day dinners his all-out attack on the

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Swallows Have Arrived

To the Editor: This morning I was awakened by the chatter of swallows outside my window. Investigating I found two couples interested in the same house; a favorite of theirs for years.

Whether it is the parents of last year's young I can't say. However, one pair was ably defending their choice of home.

To hear and see our little feathered friends again gives anyone who enjoys our song birds a thrill.

The first appearance of the swallows in our garden this year was Saturday, March 22, a week later than last year.

We have enjoyed the antics of other birds on their way north.

The cedar waxwing spent quite some time with us. During their stay I fed them cul pears. They would gather around, a dozen or more to a pear, and the pear would disappear in a few minutes.

For several weeks now the grossbeaks have been with us. They are hunting for seeds, nut meats, insects and sometimes a bite or two of pear.

One warm sunny day we observed the grossbeaks' peculiar actions. They flew at the window screens and lit on the window sills and the side of the house as if trying to perch on the walls of the building. Now and then one would take after an insect in the air. I discovered that they were catching the maple bugs that were coming out of the cracks in the building or wherever they had hibernated during the winter.

Later I noticed the grossbeaks gathering maple bugs from the cracks in power poles.

Every morning several grossbeaks come to the feeders searching for walnut meats.

I see the pesky English sparrow has not had a change of heart, but still pesters the birds in the garden. Mr. Sparrow and his mate fly from house to house trying to discourage any bird from trying to nest there. All birds near his size or smaller have a bad time until I can put an end to his dog-in-the-manger spirit.

In town where the sparrows are found by the hundreds in a block or two no song bird would ever think of risking his life in an attempt to build his nest. He is beaten before he begins.

Because of this very few of our more timid and valuable birds can be enjoyed by those who find the bird population in their gardens mainly English sparrows.

The little Junco is still with us and will not leave for the hills until the weather is fairly settled.

Mrs. Robert E. Welch, Jacksonville, Oregon.

Republican 80th Congress. Persistence won the presidential election for him and the Congress for the Democratic party.

Saturday night he again will set the tempo for somebody's Democratic presidential campaign. There will be only one avowed candidate in his dinner audience. Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., who heads the Southern stop-Truman movement.

Sen. Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., and Sen. Robert S. Kerr, D-Okla., will be off campaigning. A bookie might figure the odds whether the next Democratic nominee is in the Jefferson-Jackson audience, or elsewhere.

The Portuguese explorer, Juan Rodrigues Cabrilho, discovered the Farallon Islands on Nov. 16, 1542.

Make It a Date for the Gala Smorgasbord Dinner and Square Dance YMCA, Saturday, March 29

Dinner 6:30 to 9:00 P.M.
Turkey, Ham, Salmon, Swedish Meat Loaf, Baked Beans, Salads, Hors d'oeuvres, Pies, Cake

Dancing Starts 8:00 P.M. in Big Gym
Gordon Kershaw, Master of Ceremonies

SQUARE DANCE CALLERS—Benny Parkhurst, Sam Connors, Jack Walker, Geary Conrad, John Niedermeyer, Jack Crump, Norm Hillyer, Dan Neill, Lee Ragsdale.

COME EVERYONE—TO EAT, DANCE, OR WATCH
\$1.50 Plate \$1.00 Couple, Dancing Only
75c Children

Benefit World Service Fund to maintain YMCA orphanage and schools throughout the World

Open The Door Richard

Will Be Back in Town

Friday Night, March 28

at

THE RED BARN

FOR TWO WEEKS

Jack McVea and his All Stars are well known in Rogue River Valley. We enthusiastically assure our friends and patrons the best in top entertainment when these five musicians and showman hit the bandstand.

Handling of Tunisia Situation Will Have Widespread Effects

By PHIL NEWSOM

U. P. Foreign News Editor

An already bad situation in Tunisia has become worse.

Unfortunately, it involves more than just a dispute between the French and Tunisian nationalists demanding a greater degree of home rule.

How it is handled will have an effect on relations between the Arab nations and the entire Western world. It could even upset Western hopes for Arab cooperation in a Middle-East defense pact.

The French apparently decided on Wednesday that soft words in dealing with the Tunisians were getting them nowhere.

They arrested the Tunisian premier, Mohammed Chenik, and two of his ministers as well as a number of extremist leaders, and asked the country's nominal ruler, Mohammed Al-Amin Pasha, Bey of Tunis, to appoint another premier.

Climax To Bickering
It was a climax to more than three months of bickering, often accompanied by bloodshed.

The Tunisian situation is unique in that the Tunisian Destour and neo-Destour home rule parties are not demanding complete severance from France. In fact, they have been willing so far that France should handle their foreign affairs and would like to operate inside the French union.

But they want complete autonomy at home, including control of the courts and finances.

Settlement Difficult
As usual in such disputes, settlement has been made difficult by the unyielding stands of both sides. The French have said that home rule is desirable for the Tunisians but should be accomplished gradually and could not even be discussed so long as the country was torn by outbreaks and unrest.

The Tunisians replied that the

outbreaks would cease when their demands were met, and irritated the French further by moving to get their demands before the United Nations Security Council with the support of an Afro-Asian bloc of some 15 nations.

No Formal Charges
No formal charges have been placed before the Security Council yet, but Prof. Ahmed S. Bokhari, Pakistani leader of the 15-nation bloc, said in New York Wednesday that the French action undoubtedly would hasten their plans.

The French resist the move to get the dispute before the UN, on the grounds that it is strictly an internal affair, and they probably have the support to prevent any full-dress debate on it.

Hopes of Bey of Tunis
Meanwhile, they have pinned their hopes on the Bey of Tunis, and have selected Premier Chenik as the culprit blocking agreement. His arrest followed repeated attempts by the French resident-general to have a private audience with the Bey — attempts frustrated by Chenik who always managed to be present.

Paris reports say it is unlikely that the French also would consider removing the Bey. They deposed his predecessor in 1943 with repercussions which still are being heard in the Arab world.

A band concert is presented in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park Music Concourse every Sunday in the year, weather permitting.