

## FUNNY EVERYWHERE EXCEPT IN KLAMATH

Let's suppose you knew a man whose home was a ramshackle building in which the kitchen was separated from the dining room by a ten minutes walk; where the bathroom was situated in a neighbor's home four or five blocks away; where the bedrooms were so dilapidated that they could not be used and the family rented rooms in a hotel downtown, where the sink was on one side of the house and the water faucets on the other—do you think that he would be rated as a man of progressive ideas and looked up to as a leader of progressive thought in his neighborhood?

Suppose that he didn't maintain such an establishment because he had to. Suppose he owned a modern home, with plenty of conveniences just across the block, but preferred to dwell on in squalor and discomfort, didn't occupy the new home and didn't even rent it—would his neighbors respect and applaud him, elect him mayor of the city and erect a statue in his honor in the public square?

He'd be the laughing stock of the neighborhood and lucky if he escaped a session with the lunacy board.

Everybody would hold such a person up to ridicule except residents of Klamath county. Local folk wouldn't have any laugh coming. Having collectively for years been in the same ridiculous position they would have a fellow feeling for the deluded one and would not doubt lend him their warm approbation.

Klamath county's courthouse controversy appears just as foolish, or more so, to her neighbors in Oregon and adjoining states, and as a matter of fact its ridiculous features are beginning to dawn upon people of this community, especially upon the many new residents who were not party to the original feud and view the matter solely on the merits. They see no deep principles underlying the dispute and are beginning to develop a considerable sense of distaste for the unending wrangle, which so far has been productive of profit for only a few persons—the several attorneys retained by the litigants.

To unprejudiced people the platforms of George Chastain, candidate for county judge, and Fred Peterson, for commissioner, has a promising ring, and strikes a sympathetic chord.

"I cannot see where the courthouse has a place as a paramount issue," says Mr. Chastain. He expressed his strong desire in a published statement to strike off the shackles by which the county court is tied to "the carcass of an issue already too long unburied," and get down to brass tacks in a progressive administration in which paved roads and better schools would take the real rank of importance, usurped for the last two years by courthouse litigation and its ever increasing expense.

Mr. Peterson's laconic slogan is "peace and progress," which carries a welcome sound to the weary citizen, who views the battle from a non-partisan viewpoint.

"I've no monuments to build, no legal debts to pay," declares the candidate for commissioner. "Let's spend the county's money for needed improvements and not for legal squabbling."

But to get back to the analogy between the man with the dissected dwelling and Klamath county.

Today the various branches of county government are scattered through half a dozen different buildings, because the old courthouse will not hold them.

Because the courtroom is unsuitable and unsafe, the circuit court, when it sits, must hold sessions in the city hall. Incidentally the county pays \$5 a day for the use of the city hall to hold court in.

"Where the Douglas sits," said the earl of Angus, "there is the head of the table." Doubtless the dignity of the law would be maintained if the courts of Oregon held sessions in the meanest hovel, but still there fingers a feeling that such dignity loses something in the chase from pillar to post.

## MILLION MINERS STRIKE TONIGHT, GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Preparations for the struggle precipitated by the decision of a million coal miners to cease work tonight went grimly forward today.

Lloyd George, in a message to the nation, said the government had done everything possible to avoid a calamity.

## PLAN TO START ON IRRIGATION

The directors of the Langell valley irrigation district are meeting today to receive bids on bonds for financing construction of the first unit of the Langell valley project. About \$200,000 worth of the \$500,000 issue authorized by the district will be required for initial construction.

This will distribute water over the lands nearest the Clear Lake dam. Necessary construction consists of a small diversion dam and distributing ditches to water some 8,000 acres.

The board held a session yesterday afternoon but reported that no awards were made and it might be several days, the secretary repeated today, before the matter was concluded.

## BOTH FOOTBALL TEAMS FULL OF CONFIDENCE

The football team of the Ashland high school arrived last night, full of confidence that this afternoon at Modoc park they would repeat their performance in the opening game of the season at Ashland, when they were victorious over the local pigskin tossers by a score of 14 to 6.

Offsetting the visitors' confidence is the determination of the home team to retrieve the opening defeat, and the game promised to be a hard-fought contest.

The Odd Fellow's building. The county pays \$30 a month rent for adequate quarters for this public servant.

The treasurer's office is in the First State & Savings bank. It costs the county \$150 a year to keep it there.

The county prisoners are kept in the city jail, or an attempt is made to keep them there. There have been four jail breaks from the city jail in the past year, two prisoners, Fred Ford and Gus Christ, escaping twice. The last time they made a clean getaway. The cost of search and for repairs to the jail is on the records. It's not a large sum. The writer didn't bother to get the figures.

The county surveyor, superintendent of schools and assessor are housed in homesteader's shacks along Fourth street—in the rear of the courthouse building but not a part of it.

The county court meets in a secluded burrow in the rear end of the courthouse, in a dark, isolated corner the public business is transacted. There is no public entrance. If one has business with the court he gets it through county clerk's office. There are two of three extra chairs for visitors, but broadly speaking the public is shut out by the nature of the quarters from any opportunity of inspecting the manner in which its servants transact the business entrusted to them. Theoretically, the meetings of the court are open to all, actually they are not.

No wonder that every now and then we get a chance to see ourselves "as others see us," for instance in the following clipping from a recent issue of the Portland Oregonian:

There are three courthouses in Klamath county and the circuit court holds its sessions in the city hall at Klamath Falls. The courthouse situation in Klamath has been a joke to everyone in Oregon outside of those who live in Klamath county, and there it has been a serious matter for several years, resulting in recall elections and other unpleasantnesses. Long ago the courthouse tangle became an issue in the courts and it is now before the supreme court. C. F. Stone has been at Salem arguing the case and other Klamath county people here in connection with the courthouse trouble are E. L. Elliott and F. H. Mills. A. E. Reams of Medford, who represents one side of the argument, has also arrived in the city.

## PRESBYTERIAN BROTHERHOOD IS STARTED

A banquet and meeting to organize the new Presbyterian Brotherhood and men's Bible class was held at the church last night. A fine repast was served and a number of interesting speeches made, launching the movement successfully.

E. S. Henry acted as toast master. Addresses were made by A. M. Collier, Dr. Warren Hunt, the Rev. E. P. Lawrence and Fred A. Baker.

W. A. Deizell spoke on the value of an organization of the chamber of commerce to the community life. George Grizzle held up the Bible as a most valuable book for every business man to have a acquaintance with. T. L. Stanley secretary of the chamber of commerce gave a most impressive talk on the attitude of many prominent business men of the day toward the need of more religious life, quoting statements from many well-known men in the business world. The closing talks were in the form of a debate between Andrew Collier and E. S. Veatch. Mr. Collier gave the reasons which every man knows keep him away—sleeping late Sunday morning, demands of the hunting season that the Bible class never gets one anywhere and the fact that the majority of men do not attend. Mr. Veatch emphasized the fact that every man needs a knowledge of the Bible and so should be an attendant.

A committee was appointed to bring in nominations for officers for a men's Bible class and brotherhood. The men were all urged to attend Sunday morning at 10 a. m. and help to organize a wide awake Bible class and brotherhood.

The pleasant and profitable evening came to a close with instrumental music by Mrs. E. S. Veatch and vocal solos by Mr. E. S. Henry. Men representing many of the prominent business interests of the city were present, the gathering in all attracting about 100 men and women. The dinner was served by the Kedron club of the Sunday school, members of Mrs. W. S. Slough's Bible class.

## C. OF C. TO GET ELECTION RETURNS

The Klamath county chamber of commerce will entertain its members and friends on election night with an informal smoker. The chamber has secured special service from the Western Union telegraph company which will give the reports of the election returns all night or until the election has been quite definitely decided. Arrangements are also being made to secure as much local material as possible and a good system of tabulation will be worked out so that the guests at the affair will be kept informed in a very accurate manner as to just how the election is going, nationally and otherwise.

All members of the chamber of commerce should keep this in mind and make arrangements to be present on this evening.

Other details regarding the place and other entertainment features will be announced later.

## MILLS ADDITION WANTS TO KNOW

Residents of Mills Addition want to hear what candidates for city and county officers have to say in regard to platforms and policies, and have arranged a meeting for Tuesday evening, starting at 7:30 o'clock, at the Mills Addition hall.

All candidates are invited to attend and each is assured fair and equal opportunity for the expression of his political sentiments, says L. A. Will, president of the Mills Addition Improvement company, one of the leaders in arranging the meeting.

There will be no admission, no collection, or no question of supper. The meeting is to be a straight out and out political discussion and the close out political discussion will be dismissed at the close of the speaking.

## EMPLOYEE OF LAUNDRY GETS SEVERE HURTS

Mrs. Fred Sparks, well known resident of the city and an employee of the Klamath Superior laundry, had both arms badly mashed and scalded when they were caught in the mangle at the laundry late yesterday.

Mrs. Sparks was helping pad the rolls of the mangling machine when one of her hands was caught between the cylinders and drawn in. In trying to release the one hand she enmeshed the other and both arms were drawn into the rolls nearly to the elbow. A fellow worker sprang across the room and threw the switch that operates the machine and she was released.

Besides being badly crushed the victim's hands and arms were scalded by the hot steam that flows through the ironing machine. Her hands were especially badly injured, the bruised flesh being stripped and scalded from them, and it was necessary to enlist the aid of a jeweler to file the rings from her fingers before her wounds could be dressed at the Warren Hunt hospital.

Although the injuries will deprive the patient from using her hands for some time, she was able to leave the hospital for her home this morning.

## WATER RATE HEARING ENDED

Hearing of testimony in the matter of an increase in local water rates, requested by the California-Oregon Power company, was concluded last evening before Commissioner H. H. Corey, sitting for the state public service commission.

The company introduced testimony and figures to show that the returns on the investment were inadequate. The city, represented by City Attorney Carnahan and W. H. A. Renner, examined a number of witnesses and cross-examined applicant's witnesses in an endeavor to show that the service rendered the city was poor and insufficient. Inadequacy of pressure at the start of the Houston hotel fire was one line of questioning.

The commission will consider the evidence submitted at the hearing and a decision will be announced later, probably within a month.

## PRESIDENT EXTENDS CLEMENCY TO BOLD

President Wilson has commuted the fifteen months' sentence of F. W. Bold, Bonanza merchant, to a fine of \$500. A condition of clemency is that the fine be paid at once. Bold was charged with violation of the espionage act, it being alleged that he had made malicious statements that interfered with the progress of the Liberty loans.

Petitions for pardon of Bold were circulated here several months ago and signed generally by business men of Klamath Falls, city and county officers, and by neighbors of Bold at Bonanza.

## BOBBIE WAGNER WINS NURSE FOR BRIDE

George (Bobbie) Wagner, well known boxer, and Miss Edith Morgan, nurse at the Klamath General hospital, were married this afternoon by Judge N. J. Chapman, culminating a romance that began when Mr. Wagner was convalescing from a serious attack of pneumonia in the local hospital several weeks ago and Miss Morgan took care of him.

The bride's parents are well known residents of the Bly section. The bridegroom's family are Seattle people. The newlyweds intend to make Klamath Falls their home. "Bobby" is pledged, however, to box in a couple of contests in Seattle late in November, and intends to fulfill the engagements. He and his bride will go north some time next month, visiting his relatives during their stay in Seattle.

## DIPLOMATS RESSENT SEIZURE OF LIQUORS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The action of government prohibition agents in seizing liquor consigned to the diplomatic corps at Washington has led to complications. The situation today reached a point where the state department felt called upon to issue a statement expressing the hope that no governmental agent will interfere with the baggage or other personal possessions of any member of the foreign diplomatic corps.

## NOTES FROM THE CENTRAL SCHOOL

(Contributed)

During the past week, the Central school has enrolled the following new pupils: Elizabeth Powell, Anna Kathryn Garrett, Isabel Griffith, Collins Clark, Francis Gilmore, Harry Cross, Frank Griffin and Eugene Prouty.

Mrs. George I. Wright and Mrs. Jack Furber were visitors in the first and fourth grades, respectively, this week.

When Scout Master Paul O'Dowd called for a meeting of the Boy Scouts, Tuesday, we found that we have the following scouts: Harry Cross, Forrest Colson, Hugh Curran, Harold Bateman, George Condey and we should like to see more of our boys become good scouts.

Thursday, Nadine O'Flarety and Everett Bankero of the third grade dramatized "The Ant and the Grasshopper" for the second grade. The first scene was a summer in a pleasant field, the second, an autumn in front of the Ant's house. These little folks did very well and made one feel they were conversing with each other instead of reading a lesson.

The fourth grade pupils wish us to say that they have invested \$15.50 in savings during the past week. Many of the pupils are very systematic in saving money. Of the amount earned or given to them, they invest a certain per cent of it each week. We predict that these boys and girls will be our substantial business men and women a few years hence.

Our first specimens in Palmer business writing were sent to the office of the A. N. Palmer company in Portland this week. We are striving to become good business writers and at the same time are wishing to obtain Palmer method awards. We hope to report the successful writers at some future time.

On account of the organization of an eight grade at the courthouse, the following from this building were sent to the new class: Ione Windham, Bonnie Lucas, Vale Lindsey, Inez Jenkins, Bruce Perkins, Merton Frost, Lynn Ferguson and Darrell Covert.

The boys and girls are marching to a new record loaned to us by Mrs. Fred Cofer for the week. The selections are the "King Cotton March" and the "Officer of the Day" by Arthur Pryor's band. This is a splendid record and we all appreciate the loan.

Manual Training Department  
Many useful novelty pieces for the home are being started this week in the manual training department. Those boys of the upper classes who have shown more than average ability in the smaller projects will be given a chance on problems of a more advanced type, such as upholstered stools, chairs etc.

Mechanical drawing has always been a difficult problem in the grades. But it has been introduced into the seventh and eighth grades and good progress is being made. It is the belief of the instructor that no project should be attempted before the boy can make his own shop drawing of it, to the proper scale.

The manufacture of American school toys still continues in the fifth and sixth grades. A good example of toy finishing and enameling may be seen at any time at the shop.

In observing of Saturday, October 9, as a greater fire protection day the seventh and eighth grades gave a program Friday, to which the fifth and sixth grades were invited. According to the manual prepared by the United States bureau of education, we need to safeguard our coun-

## DISTRICTS JOIN FOR A UNION HIGH SCHOOL

MALIN, Oct. 16.—At a special election, held October 9, for the purpose of uniting School District No. 35 known as Shasta View and School District No. 22 known as Malin into a Union high school district the voters of Malin decided by a vote of 24 to 2 to form a Union high school. On the same date the proposition to unite carried at Shasta View. The school boards of both districts are now awaiting the action of the district boundary board.

A tract of land comprising six acres, part of the original town site of Malin, has been secured for the school site and experimental farm. It is the intention of the Union high school board to hire teachers who qualify under the Smith-Hughes act, a bill which was recently passed, encouraging the formation of Union schools in rural districts and extending federal and state aid to such schools. Experimental farming and home economics, similar to the courses offered at the O. A. C. will be included in the course of study.

As the Tule Lake district is undoubtedly the richest, purely agricultural section of Klamath county because of the fertility of the soil, and lay of the land, such a school will be of invaluable aid to the local inhabitants as well as attracting residents of other parts of the county to study the methods taught here.

This district, the first Union high school district formed in the county, will be known as "Union High School District No. 1." As the Smith-Hughes act lends aid to only one school in each county. The voters of Malin and Shasta view are fortunate and should be complimented for seizing the opportunity of establishing a school that will compare favorably with the best high schools in the state.

Although \$1400 in cash and labor has been pledged by popular subscription in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$500 for the purpose of erecting a building, the actual work of construction will not commence this year owing to the lateness of the season. However a regular four year high school will be conducted this term, two years of which will be taught at Shasta View and two years at Malin.

try against fire, and in order to make the fact impressive the program was patriotic in nature. All sang America directed by Ruth Cofer of the seventh grade, and recited the American's pledge and creed, led by Joan Thompson, sixth grade. Two minute talks were given by Leon Thomas, Virginia Peyton, Helen Chaney, Florence Hector and a group of girls, Lydia Von Berthelsdorf, Mildred Riggs, Florence Robin, Helen Abby, Doris Yaden, Margaret Smith, Lola Simmons, Dena Molotone, Margaret Kelley, Maxine Haines, and Vale Lindsey gave a reading "Fire a Servant; Not a Friend." This was followed by a mock trial, "The Trial of Fire."

Those who took part in the trial were: Bruce Perkins, Judge; Lynn Ferguson, district attorney; Homer Garlich, court officer; Hugh Curran, council for the defense and George Condey, clerk of the court. The jury were Herbert Wilson, Herbert Phillips, Bonnie Lucas, Darrell Covert, Inez Jenkins, Ione Windham, Claudine Witt, Harry Molotone, Charline Lambert, George Bradley, and Clyde Nyhardt. These jurymen impersonated the different walks of life.

The defenants in the case were dressed to represent their different impersonations. Kerosene, Tom Watt; Cigarette, Lester Thomas; Match, Don Huffman; Electricity, Marjorie Love Peyton; Rubbish, Charles Johnson; Gas, Ruby Young; Defective Chimney, Kenton Hamaker; Gasoline, Joy Evans; Lightning, Archie Nichols; Bonfire, Edwina Padgett; Spontaneous combustion, Ruth Cofer and the Arch Criminal Carelessness, Jimmie Elfendahl.

Hugh Curran, council for the defense, was particularly clever and carried his part along with a lively swing which brought many laughs from the spectators and participants in the trial. He showed a fine insight into court proceedings gained from attending real trials at various times in his young life.