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MARCH OF PROGRESS

By Charles V. Stanton

Douglas County's year of centennial observance will reach its climax this weekend as a mammoth pageant is presented at the county Fairgrounds to depict 100 years of progress.

Douglas County was made a political subdivision of the State of Oregon by an act of the 1852 legislature. It was a sparsely settled country. Mining and limited agriculture, principally stock raising, provided the chief source of income. Settlers bravely faced hardship and privation to carve homes from the primitive wilderness.

Now we can look back upon 100 years of history as we stand on the threshold of a new era, an era of industrialization. In the magnificent pageant to be presented Sunday and Monday, the pages will be turned back, and we will see reenacted some of the epics marking the early settlement of the state and county and events of special influence upon local history down to the present. We also will be given a glimpse into the promising future as predicated upon the spirit of the past.

Set to original music, interpreted by orchestra and chorus, the spectacle to be offered on the huge stage should thrill every spectator. The large cast of performers has worked industriously to perfect the gigantic pageant. The various persons directing departments and episodes report that rehearsals reveal the cast to be in full readiness for the performance. Advance ticket sales, now in progress, indicate a large attendance.

Celebration Has Good Effect

Observance of our centennial year has been interesting and effective. From musty pages we have gathered many historical facts and have aroused new interest in events of the past. It is to be hoped that from the material compiled by researchers during the year, someone will be inspired to make a permanent record. Perhaps some way can be found to set up a countywide historical museum where exhibits can be retained for the education and enjoyment of future generations.

We already have lost too many of the intimate tales of early history. Yet, from material at hand, we can piece together most of the events holding greatest influence and import. The work so far accomplished should be only preliminary to a more elaborate compilation by an experienced researcher and historian.

We are still too close to pioneer days to fully appreciate the value of a written record. Veneration of historical people and places will increase as the years come and go. Only in recent years have we started marking spots of special interest. The work has barely begun. When we go in to older states, particularly those of the East Coast, we find commemorative tablets at every turn. We, too, will have more interest in history as time goes on.

Future Now Occupies Attention

Today we are in the transition period from pioneer days to an era of industrialization. Until the past few years we have simply enlarged upon the work of our pioneers. They settled and cleared the land, placing it under production. We continued as an agricultural county, expanding and improving — in some instances damaging — the soil first turned by our ancestors.

But more recently our agricultural industry, while continuing to grow, has yielded first place in economic importance to the timber industry. Today we are in the pioneer period of our second era. Just as our early settlers built upon a primitive wilderness, we find today that industry is still in the first stage of opening our vast virgin forests. As we pause upon the threshold of this new period to take a farewell glimpse into the past, we know that before us lies a vista of growing manufacture as full utilization is made of the resource with which we are so abundantly endowed.

We will see in the weekend pageant the past and the future linked by reenactment and symbolism. As we relish and venerate the past, we can also look with optimism to the future, realizing that one pioneering period has given way to another in the march of progress.



MENDING BASKET
 Scrap From the
 Wagnett Martin - P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

"The average American works less than 7 minutes to buy a loaf of bread."

It always interests me to "see ourselves as others see us," so I thought you, too, might be interested in some comments made upon the American way of life by John Burt, former member of the Royal Air Force, who brought his family to Drain last October.

"In Britain the survey of living conditions conducted by the United Nations in 1950 was widely publicized in the press. This survey based its assessment of living standards on both sides of the Iron Curtain on the average hourly wage of the working population of the countries concerned."

"The average wage in the United States is about \$1.75 an hour; in Britain it is 35 cents an hour. These would be fair assessments taking the countries' working populations as a whole. The average American, then, works less than seven minutes to earn enough for a loaf of bread; the average Britisher, 20 minutes."

"Meat is considered high in price here yet the American can earn the price of the best beef steak by working 32 1/2 minutes, while his British mate works at least an hour for a pound of what goes under his fried onions. In luxury articles the same holds true. The American has his cartons of cigarettes 'made' in 57 minutes; the staggering time of 14

hours and 17 minutes is necessary for the Britisher to do the same. The American has roughly 10 minutes work for the price of a gallon of gasoline for his Chevie (time cost — 6 months work) while the Britisher takes two hours to earn enough to buy a gallon of petrol for his Austin, which was purchased with two years' pay!"

"I was reading an article the other day in The Christian Science Monitor," continued John Burt, "which refreshed my mind on all this. It seemed to me, until I came across that article, that the press over here does not give much space to how much the American receives for his money; the emphasis is rather on high cost of living and high taxes. I think the Americans should be justly proud of the magnificent natural and industrial resources of their country which makes it possible for them to have the highest living standards in the world, and not feel, as I sometimes think they do, that they are a 'little hard done to.'"

TRAIN SEVERS NEGRO

EUGENE (AP) — The body of a man severed apparently by a passing train, was found on the Southern Pacific tracks near Oakridge early Wednesday. Coroner Fred Buehl said the man, a Negro about 35 or 40, had not been identified at mid-day.



SURPRISED BY INDIAN, pioneer girl lets out yelp and in next few moments dashes off to warn pioneers of an approaching Indian attack. Jackie Carstens, prize-winning trick rider from Roseburg, plays the part of the pioneer girl, while Ralph Patterson is the "Indian." (Staff picture)

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is now six years old. It has a membership of 59 nations.

Using UNESCO's own facts, here is what it has accomplished in six years:

A clearing house has been set up to gather and supply all possible information about educational methods used throughout the world. More than 60 fundamental and adult education teams are regularly supplied by the clearing house, which answers about 70 inquiries a month.

UNESCO has developed a system of associated projects and agencies in fundamental education in various parts of the world. The system provides for a world-wide exchange of technical advice and experience, for research into new methods of fundamental and adult education. There are 25 projects and agencies associated with UNESCO. By the end of 1952 there are expected to be 150.

Experts on educational systems have been dispatched to the Philippines, Thailand and Afghanistan. Seminars are conducted in foreign countries.

UNESCO conducts pilot projects. Here is its own description:

"Pilot projects are an effort, on an experimental trial-and-error basis, to face and overcome specific difficulties presented by certain definite problems in order to provide the experience and frames of reference for evolving general educational techniques."

A field research center was operated in Peking, China, in 1949 and 1950, to teach hygiene and preventive medicine by means of locally produced auditory and visual material.

In 1950, UNESCO signed an agreement with the Mexican Government for the establishment of an UNESCO center to train workers and produce material for fundamental education in Latin America.

UNESCO says that seminars held between 1947 and 1950 in France, England, Czechoslovakia and Canada built up among teachers in 42 countries a network of some 300 UNESCO supporters.

As a direct result of UNESCO seminars on textbooks, ten of the leading publishers in Belgium have agreed to revise their history books in line with UNESCO's version, with more emphasis on culture and social questions and the work of international agencies. None of the textbooks, prior to the revising, mentioned UNESCO.

UNESCO has encouraged youth organizations, especially voluntary work camps and children's communities, to develop activities favoring international understanding.

UNESCO views itself as a world center for scientific liaison. It set up four field science cooperation offices, in the Middle East, the Far East, Latin America and South Asia. The Latin American office, in Montevideo, has issued three volumes of the directory, "Scientific Institutions and Scientists in Latin America," and a list of scientific publications since 1948. They are now making plans to build a scientific museum in Montevideo, which is the reason some nations welcome UNESCO and its funds.

UNESCO cooperates with the International Council of Scientific Unions. It has granted subsidies totaling \$1,000,000 to the council, enabling 1,000 scientists to attend more than 100 international conferences.

UNESCO has also granted subsidies to the international high altitude center, on the Jungfrau-Joch, Switzerland, to the Naples zoology center and to the Monaco Oceanographic Institute. None of the projects were ever envisioned, even by Senator Benton or Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, when UNESCO was founded.

In addition, UNESCO has an international theatre institute, an international music council and an international clearing house for publications between libraries and institutions.

There are other activities — al-

most covering the entire range of human endeavor — in which UNESCO claims an interest. The American public was able to stop Mrs. Roosevelt in her attempt to hire a nature dancer to encourage the American people during World War II. UNESCO made the grade, however, on a global basis.

Hear Fulton Lewis Daily
On KRNR, 9:15 P.M.

In the Day's News

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poverty, China's birth rate vastly exceeds its death rate (Vital statistics on China are sketchy and inadequate, but in 1936, the last year for which the figures are available, Formosa's birth rate was more than double its death rate.)

China, you see, produces cannon fodder at a fantastic rate.

Under such circumstances, what are 270 casualties?

The odds against our boys in Korea are terrific. It's hard for them to see how they are getting anywhere. What good does it do, for example to shoot down a mere 270 Chinamen?

But, odds or no odds, they DO THEIR JOB. If, here on the home front, we did our job as well we'd all be better off.

Modern progress note:
 Three British fliers appear as this is written to be on their way to accomplishing what has never been done before—flying the Atlantic ocean BOTH WAYS in the same plane in ONE day. They've just made it one way and are starting back.

In this fast-moving modern world

what has never been done before is becoming the usual.

Remember the chesty crack that runs something like this: "The merely difficult we accomplish in our stride. The IMPOSSIBLE takes a little longer."

Well, that's about the way it is these days.

Sobering thought:
 Do you reckon our moral and intellectual progress is keeping pace with our scientific and mechanical progress?

The Brink outfit, which runs an armored car service for the transport of folding money, was taken again yesterday—this time for a mere \$65,000.

It happened while the crew of one of their armored cars was in a Washington hotel having lunch. They had left the car locked and unguarded. A guy with a duplicate key along, unlocked the car, helped himself and went on his way.

Another old wisecrack:
 "Wherever there is soft flesh, there will be sharp teeth to find it."

It works the same way with money.

This time there was a new twist. SMART COPS figured it all out quickly, nabbed the robber, he confessed, showed them where he had buried the loot and in a matter of hours they had the whole \$65,000 back in the hands of its owners.

By and large, the poor devils of police have a hard row to hoe. When they do a smart job, we forget it all too soon. When they pull a boner, we lift their scalps.

"Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn."

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Famed Atlantic Salmon Planted In Oregon Water

PORTLAND (AP) — The famed Atlantic salmon has been planted in Oregon water by the State Game Commission.

Tankers have hauled 2,500, ranging from 5 to 9 inches in length, to Odell Creek which is the outlet to Davis Lake and tributary to the Willamette Highway.

The Atlantic salmon, highly regarded for its fighting qualities and

tendency to strike freely at an artificial fly, were reared at the Wizard Falls fish hatchery from eggs given as a gift to Oregon by the Quebec Department of Game and Fisheries.

Another 3,000 Atlantic salmon are being reared at the Klamath hatchery.

The Atlantic salmon released here are sea-run rather than the form known as land-locked. How-

ever the New York Conservation Department has reported success in planting sea-run salmon in land-locked lakes.

The Oregon commission believes Davis Lake is a good food supply area and Odell Lake is a good place for the salmon to establish themselves.

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