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ENLARGE FAIRGROUNDS

By Charles V. Stanton

Questionnaires have been distributed throughout the county to learn public sentiment concerning proposals to tear up the race track at the county fairgrounds to make room for other facilities, said to be more critically needed.

There can be no argument with the theory that presently the space occupied by the race track can be better used for other purposes. If conditions are to remain as they now are, perhaps we will never have use for a race track at the fairgrounds. However, we have no assurance that a revival in racing might not be just around the corner, or that other use for the track might soon develop, in which case we would regret any permanent installation depriving us of use of the track.

A few years ago, for example, there was a big demand for the use of the track for automobile races. A highly satisfactory concession proposal was offered. At that time there was much interest in plans to revive horse racing and, because it would be necessary to hard surface the track for auto racing, thus destroying it for use by horses, the concession was refused.

A speedway now has been installed at Shady Point. Perhaps, if the fairgrounds track is to be abandoned for horse racing, the auto races could be moved and, given good lighting, doubtless would attract much larger crowds than in the present location. At least, if some such use is possible in the comparatively near future, it would not be wise, in my opinion, to eliminate the track.

Recreation Center Needed

Our county fairgrounds has developed most satisfactorily as a recreation center. Such employment of the property has long been one of my favorite themes. Readers of this column probably are tired of my continued urging that more recreational use of this fine asset be promoted.

Dick Turley, as manager, in my opinion, has done a remarkably fine job, considering the financial limitations under which he is forced to operate. The grounds and improvements are steadily nearing the desirable goal of continuous, year-around utility.

A hard-surfaced, lighted race track possibly could be made into another entertainment attraction.

It is my belief that if Roseburg desires to remain the wholesale and trading center of Douglas County it must also be the recreation center. It is steadily progressing in that direction, as evidenced by the work now being done on parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, tennis courts, etc.

But the city can't do it all in the way of installed facilities. The county has spent a large sum of money to provide a county fair. The money has been well spent. Few counties have anything to equal the Douglas County plant.

The grounds and buildings, however, can be utilized for much more than just a county fair. They can be used the year around for one entertainment purpose or another.

Enlargement Justified

The major attractions of course, are the county fair and the annual rodeo, but we find many other events utilizing the facilities. Within the past few months, for example, the weekly wrestling shows have been moved into one of the buildings.

We can't quarrel with the requirement for more space and more installations — installations that probably have more immediate importance than the race track. Dormitories for young fair exhibitors, more exhibit buildings, better arrangement for outdoor displays, enlarged and better situated carnival grounds, and various other needs can be listed.

It would seem to me, however, that, rather than destroy the race track, which is a good track and located on the only available site, it would be far better to buy more land and enlarge the plant. Relocation of the highway and installation of a softball field reduced the original amount of parking space and makes the need for more parking area imperative. At the same time space is needed for the facilities mentioned above, while the future probably will increase demand.

More property is available and, in my opinion, should be obtained and put into use for expansion rather than destroy something which, though of little immediate value, may be of considerable importance in the near future.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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back in the Midwest and university officials had planned to hand out the sheepskins at 5 o'clock on the evening of June 7, hoping it would be cooler at that hour.

They got a terrific protest from the members of the graduating class—many of whom had planned to be MARRIED that evening and couldn't rearrange their wedding schedules!

Optimistic thought out here where the tall trees grow.
The more marriages, the more homes; the more homes, the more houses; the more houses, the more houses. BETTER TIMES IN THE LUMBER INDUSTRY.

But let's get closer home. I hope everybody in Southern Oregon read Charley Stanton's piece entitled "A Fisherman's Born." It was printed in the News-Review the other day. It was more than just a column in a newspaper. It is GREAT writing.

It is a classic in father and son literature.

Charley is my business associate and till-death-do-us-part close personal friend. We've been working together for nearly 30 years. Throughout those three decades, we've been arguing until we rattle the rafters.

And—

After every argument—

We've cemented more tightly the bonds of personal friendship and

confidence.

I won't try to brief here his charming little essay—which most newspapers will all editorialize and our newspapers call a personalized opinion column. I just want to say it is the tender and affectionate story of a boy who worshipped his father and a father who loved and trained and TRUSTED his son.

In all the world, there is no relationship quite like that. If every boy could grow up in such an atmosphere, there would be NO juvenile delinquency.

If, by any chance, you failed to read Charley's piece, write me and I'll send you a copy of it. It will do you good.

STUDENTS DROPPED

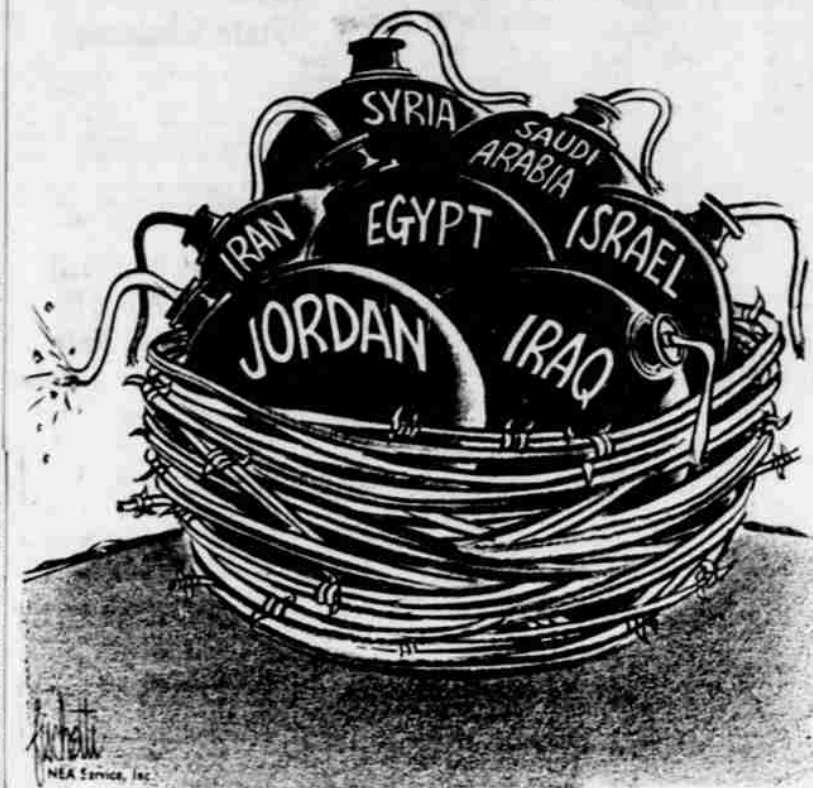
McMINNVILLE — Linfield College Friday dropped from its rolls eight students who had been charged with petty thefts here. J. A. Jonasson, dean of administration, said.

The students will be allowed to file petitions for readmittance to the college after July 1, Jonasson said.

LOW BIDDER

PORTLAND — The Army Engineers Friday said the \$18,474 bid of Harold F. Halstead, Oakridge, was the apparent low for clearing 215 acres at Hills Creek Reservoir on the middle fork of the Willamette River near Oakridge.

The Eggs We Hope Won't Hatch



Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA)—President Eisenhower's Special Assistant James P. Richards cabled back to Washington after one stop on his swing through the Middle East to sell the Eisenhower doctrine. "I'm playing in tougher league now and batting average beginning to slump."

This has been the exception rather than the rule on Richards' trip. By and large, Washington officials are more than pleased with the former South Carolina congressman's first mission as a roving diplomat.

The full story of the Richards mission has not been made public and it probably won't be. Privately, State Department officials have been keeping a box score on the commitments which Richards has made for U.S. aid to Middle East countries he has visited. These figures are not being released. To do so might involve the United States in charges of playing favorites.

AS AN EXAMPLE, an Arab broadcast recently put out the propaganda that only one million dollars' worth of U.S. aid had been promised Lebanon, while Israel was to get 100 million.

Both figures were wrong. The broadcast was made before Richards had even been to Israel.

In the case of area developments involving joint projects that cover several countries, total aid figures can be given without stirring up any rivalries.

THUS IN BAGHDAD, Richards was able to announce that "a sum of \$12,575,000 might be made available" to develop railroads, highways and communications in the Baghdad pact countries — Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Pakistan.

The original plan was that Richards could complete his tour in six weeks. This would put him

back in Washington May 1. There have been unforeseen delays, however, and the Richards mission had to take a few days' rest in Asmara, Eritrea, after visiting 11 countries.

Present indications are that Richards will not be back before May 19, after visiting Israel, Greece, Tunis and Morocco. If he also is invited to visit Jordan, Egypt and Syria, his return might be delayed till May 15 or later.

The first 11 countries visited were Lebanon, Libya, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Ethiopia, and Sudan, in that order.

Yemen and Sudan made no decision on endorsement of the Eisenhower doctrine and no mutual assistance agreements were made with them. This was not due to any anti-American feeling. The principal factor was that the two governments are both so inexperienced in foreign affairs that they have no firm policies.

IN ALL BUT ONE of the first 11 countries visited there were strong declarations against communism. Afghanistan refrained from such a declaration because of her isolated position right up against the Russian border and her established policy of neutrality.

In all of the countries visited on the first part of the Richards mission there were strong declarations in support of the United Nations, independent sovereignty, nonintervention in the affairs of other governments and rejection of aggression from any source.

These declarations are considered as important as the declarations against communism. But the last leg of the tour is the hard part. And this is where Richards feels his batting average may slump.

House parties.

Wall Street selling kerosene stocks short because Edison will open his electric station on Pearl Street soon. John D. Rockefeller not worried, his intimates say.

Smart money betting that Charles Guitau won't beat the rap for shooting President Garfield. Critics fix the first play of David Belasco and suggest he ought to go back to Frisco. No future for him on Broadway.

Local Irish divided on question of Parnell and the troubles with England. . . . John L. Sullivan got a three month sentence for beating up an innocent bystander in a bar. Henry Ward Beecher still preaches to SR0 at Plymouth Church.

Lillian Russell joins Diamond Jim Brady at host August Luchow's Stimmisch after finishing her stint at Tony Pastor's across the way and watches him polish off three wienerschnitzels at once. They're joined by Lily Langtry wearing a necktie that would make Anthony Comstock swear out a warrant.

Merchant Prince A. T. Stewart bought two more Rembrandts for his collection. He had to outbid Hank Frick. Andy Carnegie due in from Scotland next week. Embertained the Prince of Wales at Skibo Castle.

Chicago business leaders discussing plans for an exposition to celebrate Columbus' 400th anniversary in 1932. But it's probably just windy city wind. There will never be another world's fair. Everybody knows they don't pay off!

WOMAN SCALDED

PORTLAND — The Multnomah County coroner's office Saturday said an autopsy has disclosed that a woman found submerged in a bathtub of water one week ago was scalded to death. The coroner's office identified her as Mrs. Clara B. Volt, 79.

Hounds Aid In Rescuing Lost Forest Grove Girl

TILLAMOOK, Ore. — Donna Racine, a 16-year-old Forest Grove High School girl, was lost overnight in the Cape Lookout State Park. But she was found by searchers Sunday—tired, cold and scratched by brush, but otherwise all right.

Norman Wilson of Dallas, owner of four bloodhounds used in the search, and Ron Smith, assistant district forest warden at Tillamook, found the girl in a thicket.

Donna had gone to the park with some 70 other Forest Grove girls for the school's annual beach party, and became separated from others on a hike.

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