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THE FAILURE—He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.—Prov. 25:28.

A prominent valley farmer recently visited the Tillamook dairy section—returned home convinced that the Grande Ronde valley had twice the dairying advantages with land available at a quarter of the Tillamook prices. It's a conviction that's growing rapidly.

Baker is conducting a serious drive for a community hotel. In a recent full page ad in their papers the committee in charge "viewed with alarm" the existing tendency to pass up Baker's accommodations for the unexcelled hotel facilities "of a neighboring city." They argued that Eastern Oregon's leadership was rapidly passing to this "neighboring community" because of her progressiveness and foresight. All in all, it was a good ad for the proposed Baker community hotel—and we extend our thanks for the fine and very truthful compliment thus unconsciously paid La Grande.

DEMANDING RAILROAD EXTENSIONS

The present interestate commerce commission hearing in Portland and the one scheduled for Lewiston, Idaho, for the 20th of this month deal, among other things, with the demands from various sources for railroad extensions in and on the border of Oregon. The question to be decided by the commission is whether the construction of new lines is in the public interest. From an impartial standpoint we see little chance of that being conclusively shown.

The road proposal of most importance and interest to Eastern Oregon is the long-considered water route down the Snake river from Weiser to Lewiston. It is sought by Lewiston interests because they see the advantages of a direct trans-continental line, of a quicker, shorter route to eastern markets for their lumber products. Southern Idaho, on the other hand, wants the northern and southern portions of the state (now unconnected by rail) to profit by the direct line this would make possible.

Eastern Oregon, contrary to the impression frequently conveyed, does not oppose the Snake river line simply because it would tend to divide the business now carried over the U. P. main line to Portland and possibly make a branch out of the present route. Rather do the people of this section look at the proposed extension as uneconomic from a business standpoint, unadvantageous in its failure to open up new country or new revenue sources in keeping with the required expenditure. The line would only benefit the Lewiston area, and that already has adequate if round-about rail facilities. It would be available only at great cost and it is the contention of Eastern Oregon partisans that the same money could be more fruitfully invested in improvement of the existing Portland route.

The other demand is for a railroad running from east to west through central Oregon, connecting with the present branch at Burns, perhaps, on the east, and with a junction of the Southern Pacific on the west. Although not prejudiced because of selfish interests against this proposal, we cannot see sufficient public interest involved to cause the commission to order early construction. The area, though less barren than the Snake river canyon, is a high, dry plateau that does not promise rapid development with or without a railroad. The best portions of the section are already adequately served by the recent construction work of the Great Northern and the Southern Pacific. Only minimum tonnage could be gained by the building of an east-west road.

In considering the commerce commission's problem in such cases it is well to remember that the "public interest" is a phrase that should and must include the railroads as well as the general public. A demand for extension that is beneficial to the public and not equally beneficial to the railroads is far from being entirely "in the public interest." Since the solvency of railroads is reflected immediately in the benefits derived by a shipping and traveling public, a bad investment for one cannot fail to be a bad investment for the other. Deficits piled up by a non-productive portion of road must be made up by profits in other areas. And the public must eventually foot the bill.

From many standpoints the central Oregon line and the Snake river line seem reasonable. The one in the interior of the state would hasten, perhaps, the settlement and development of large tracts of land. The people of Oregon would thus, apparently, be provided a greater convenience and a happier opportunity. But business judgment, the economics of the case, will be the deciding factor with the commission. The rail lines contend that neither road is possible from that standpoint, and it seems likely that their argument will be the more convincing.

ABE MARTIN

"I don't see how so many fellers swing that stuff. It must be luck," said Lafe Bud, when he heard Mort Pine's wife had left him. When Mexican parents want to scare a little boy they tell him he may be president some day.

POTATO CROP IS SECOND LARGEST

Nature Plays Disastrous Prank—Market Not So Good at Present

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nature's joggling of the growing season, which hastened maturity of early potatoes in the middle west and delayed it in the south, has brought a note of discord to the 1928 harvest. The crop is officially estimated at 414,000,000 bushels, second largest on record.

Farmers of Virginia's peninsular counties, a center of early potato production, are not fully aware of nature's prank and are blaming their ill luck on farming practices in other states, where early potatoes are grown as an auxiliary crop. It is their contention that potatoes from those states in which the crop has a limited economic importance have taken the market that should have been theirs. The protests have been recorded by national farm organizations.

Some authorities, however, take a different view. They explain that North Carolina's harvest was late and that instead of being off the market about the time the Virginia crop was ready it has reached it almost at the same time. The result has manifested itself, particularly at Norfolk, Va., where farmers are receiving $1.67 a barrel for potatoes and paying 42 cents apiece for the barrels. Without taking into account the cost of harvesting and shipping, the price leaves the farmer 41 cents for 11 pecks or approximately 21 cents a bushel.

The fact that a better market is predicted for fall potatoes means nothing to the Virginia growers. They cannot grow late potatoes in their temperatures.

On the heels of the Virginia difficulties the department of agriculture has been advised by its representatives in Kansas that farmers of the Kaw valley are plowing up their potato fields and making ready for other crops. There the cost of digging is 35 cents a hundred-weight, and the top price for potatoes is 40 cents a hundred-weight. Seeing no hope for sufficient income to pay for the harvest, some farmers have decided not to add the cost of digging to loss they already have suffered on planting, in taxes on the land and on their real estate investment.

Producers in Oklahoma and Missouri also suffered from nature's whimsical mood. Their potatoes matured early and caught a market that was still loaded with potatoes from the southeast. The Oklahoma board of agriculture estimates that as a result only half of the crop there has been dug. Between 4,000 and 5,000 acres, promising yields of 200 bushels an acre, have not been harvested. Estimate has placed the Kaw valley crop in Kansas at 2,500,000 bushels.

The nation's crop of fall potatoes is expected to round out the predicted total yield of 414,000,000 bushels, second only to the record crop of 459,000,000 bushels in 1922. Such a yield would be about 50,000,000 bushels in excess of the average annual production for the last decade.

MAN SET FOREST FIRE

SALEM, Aug. 8 (AP)—The state forester's office is informed that John Doe, was arrested near Grants Pass yesterday for intentionally setting a timber fire.

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Pendleton Will Be Round-Up City Starting Sept. 19

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 8—It may be said (and very truthfully) that Pendleton, at the close of one year's Round-Up, begins plans for the next. For the great western exhibition, now in its nineteenth year, has become so well established as a community enterprise, that it is a part of the life of the community itself.

Nevertheless, these pre-autumn days find Pendletonians especially busy with preparations for the annual event, as the dates, September 19, 20, 21 and 22, come on apace. The town wears an expectant air and everywhere there are evidences of Round-Up plans.

Cowboys and cowgirls who are champions and champions-to-be are coming in their usual numbers. Among the competitors this year will be the big aggregation of fine performers and beautiful stock known as the Charley Irwin and Eddie McCarty outfits (two separate groups).

Included in the galaxy of feminine stars is Mabel Strickland, queen of the 1927 Round-Up, and the only woman steer roper in the world. Pretty Mabel, despite a serious accident to her hand while roping last year would not relinquish the hemp until she had the steer tied with a neatness and speed which the cowboys envied.

Of course the bucking, as always, will be a most colorful event and to its stock of capricious horseflesh the Round-Up recently added a large group of broncs which are conscientious objectors so far as saddles or riders are concerned. Dan Clark, livestock agent for the Union Pacific, has gone south to bring back Mexican steers guaranteed to give ropers and bulldoggers plenty of occupation. Ticket orders are being received daily and plans for special trains made.

Little Ahead In Democratic Vote

TOPEKA, Aug. 8 (AP)—Chauncey B. Little, of Olathe, former congressman, jumped well ahead of Joe T. Hackney in the democratic gubernatorial race when reports from 178 of the 199 precincts in Wyandotte county gave him 3,554 votes and only 597 to Hackney.

SEES DANGER OF T. B.

BERKELEY, Cal., Aug. 8 (AP)—The modern young woman's scanty dresses and desire for a slender figure are hindering suppression of tuberculosis, Mrs. Marion Simonson, associate in health education at University of California, declared today. She added, however, that light dresses were less harmful in California than in colder climates.

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Circus Here Tomorrow

The Christy Bros. Circus, which will be here Thursday for two performances, will arrive at dawn and the unloading will begin immediately. The two-mile long street parade will leave the show grounds promptly at noon.

Many novelties and surprises are promised in the performances which will commence at 2 and 8 p. m. The doors will be opened one hour earlier to allow the public ample time to visit the menagerie.

Program

6:00 a. m.—Christy Circus trains will arrive at dawn.

6:30 a. m.—Unloading and removal of tents, paraphernalia, wagons, animals, etc., to the circus grounds.

7:30 a. m.—Erecting kitchen, dining, dressing, menagerie, blacksmith and horse tents.

8:00 a. m.—Breakfast served to the 800 circus employes.

9:30 a. m.—Hoisting of mammoth white top in which train performances take place, a lesson in practical efficiency. Side show erected.

Noon—Street parade leaves show grounds promptly at noon.

1:00 p. m.—Doors open for leisurely inspection of menagerie. Band concert 1 to 2.

2:00 p. m.—Afternoon performance commences.

6:00 p. m.—Concert of popular and classical music played on the world's largest steam calliope, which can be heard for five miles.

7:00 p. m.—Doors again opened to public; menagerie; band concert 7 to 8.

8:00 p. m.—Evening performance of the circus, complete in detail.

11:00 p. m.—Concerted night movement to circus trains.

12:00 p. m.—Departure of circus trains.

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