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"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"

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WITHIN the past week this writer has visited southeastern Oregon, the "last west," the west of the cattleman and the cowhand and the sheepgrower, the west of the branding iron and the larist; but a west which has changed too under the impact of new inventions and new ideas.

Many years ago, before coming to Oregon we read the fascinating essay by Dallas Lore Sharp, "From Bend to Burns," so the region has long held out a lure for personal exploration. The automobile has transformed travel and made the remote places much more easily accessible; but the country itself remains little changed.

In general southeastern Oregon may be described as a region of wide flats broken with irregular and unconnected mountain massifs. Sometimes the mountains are single buttes which stand out like full breasts, rock-nipped, on the bosom of Mother Earth.

The economy of the plateau region is still principally live stock, cattle and sheep. But the numbers have been sadly reduced by the drouth of late years, and the reduction of forage by over-grazing. An experiment station, which the party visited, at the old Gap ranch toward Burns, has been established to test methods of restoring the range lands.

It would appear to the writer that a resource yet undeveloped is the tourist resource. For here is a land rich in recreational possibilities. It is of course much patronized in the deer hunting season; but it should be advertised for its scenic and historical attractions.

The particular objectives on the trip were the wild fowl refuge at Malheur lake and the old P ranch of Blitzen valley, and the antelope refuge on Hart mountain which lies between the Blitzen country and Lakeview.

Coming back to the Willamette valley one saw the great ranches shrink to small farms laid out in neat fields; and the sage-covered flats and ridges change to cultivated fields or fir-clad slopes. The contrast was pronounced; but there is a real tonic for the habitant of this valley to vacation for a period in the interior, where distant horizons and the bracing dry air change radically his mental outlook.

Strife Within Unions

THE picket line at the Meier and Frank warehouse in Portland is just a sector of a far-flung battle line between the Green organization and the Lewis organization in labor, and between quite different conceptions of labor in its larger relations.

The rivalry between AF of L and CIO is nominally between the craft and industrial types of organization, between horizontal unions and vertical unions.

Another sector on the battle line is the organization in the lumber industry. The union now federates through the carpenters' brotherhood; but a CIO group wants to swing the timber and lumber mill workers into a CIO affiliate.

Gov. Martin says that membership in a labor union cannot become a requirement for employment by the state; but under the "clearance system" the first question asked an applicant for a job is, what's your party registration?

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Bonneville dam connects up with the Seton and Reed fort on the Willamette river:

(Continuing from yesterday.) The June, 1935, Oregon Historical Quarterly contained an article contributed by Fred S. Perrine, Oregon City, which shows plainly that Alfred Seton, co-builder of the lower Willamette Astor fort and chief backer of Bonneville, was a cultured and canny man.

Mr. Perrine furnished the following quoted paragraphs by way of introduction to the main article:

"One hundred years ago, 1835, there appeared, in the May and July numbers of the American Monthly Magazine, two articles entitled, 'Life on the Oregon.' Other than the signature of the initial 'A,' there was no inkling as to the identity of the author. He stated that the 'love of wealth' alone was not the determining factor for his taking this voyage to the Oregon country. From other sources we find that he was to receive \$200 a year for his services. He described a few of his experiences beginning in April, 1833. In his preliminary statement he admits that he had been near the Rocky mountains the previous winter, where he and his party had heard that war had been declared between the United States and Great Britain. They immediately cached their goods and started for Astoria with the startling news.

"At the beginning of his narrative his party is now on the way to Snake river for the purpose of trying to secure the goods which they had cached. This party, as stated, consisted of Donald McKenzie, John Reed and himself, with 17 men.

"Later in this article he mentions that he had been in the frozen north, Norfolk Sound, for instance, and had also been in the wilds of South America, in the Orinoco country.

"From the circumstances of this expedition as related by Franchere and Ross, and subsequent events, it is possible to state that the name of this anonymous author was Alfred Seton.

"Seton had arrived at Astoria on the Beaver, May 9, 1832. He made several excursions to the interior with McKenzie and early in 1833 led a party to the post on the Willamette. He embarked on the Pedler with Hunt (Wilson Price Hunt) in 1834, visiting Sitka (Norfolk Sound), Kamtschatka, and without exception, by way back to the United States, by way of the Isthmus of Darien, Carthagens, Island of Jamaica, and New York. In 1834 he was vice president of the Sun Mutual Insurance company, New York.

"Another important fact brought out about Alfred Seton was that he was one of the financial backers of Captain Bonneville's expedition."

So ends the Perrine introduction. There can be no sort of doubt of the fact that Alfred Seton was the man who wrote the articles, as Mr. Perrine said. But when Perrine wrote "Life on the Oregon" in 1835, he evidently thought the party led to Willamette went either to the Wallace fort, or to the lower Willamette fort, and that the last named one had been established before that time.

The Bits man believes that Mr. Perrine would now agree that a Seton, with John Reed, went to the Willamette early in 1833, and that they led the party which erected the lower Willamette fort at Astoria March 20, 1833, and that their boats would hold all their provisions and fresh meat.

Now for the articles, "Life on the Oregon," of course meaning the Columbia river, beginning: "General spring has succeeded a stormy winter:—the unpleasant and dreaded part of the year, to those who are exposed, by the nature of an Indian life, to hear the moanings of the tempest, and have no shelter to avoid the storm, had passed. The mild air of the west had brought with them the sunny climate of a more sunny climate. In short, the middle of April (1833) had come, the period fixed for our company to return to the upper country. (Meaning what are now eastern Oregon and Idaho, and the parts of Montana and Wyoming west of the Rockies summit.)

Parent-Teachers Slate Food Sale Saturday at Silverton Beauty Shop

SILVERTON, May 20.—The Silverton Parent-Teachers' association will hold a benefit food sale Saturday at the Billie Schultzer beauty parlor. Prizes are being offered for butter and sponge cakes, rolls, bread and pies. All food is requested to be on hand by 10 o'clock.

Willamette and Albany College Clubs to Meet With Corvallis Chapter

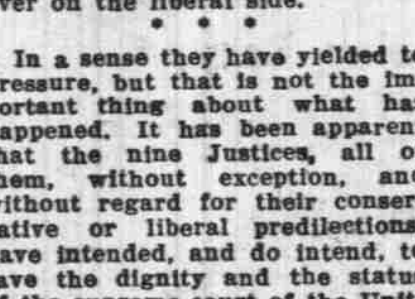
It Must Be the Spring Weather



On the Record

By DOROTHY THOMPSON

The Resignation of Justice Van Devanter



Dorothy Thompson

Justice Brandeis coupled their names in the statement which dismissed once and for all the charge that the bench was not keeping up with its work, it became apparent that the bench, also, which has been divided on many questions, was not divided on this one. The supreme bench is an instrument of the state, not of the majority. It does not represent the prevailing congressional majority, and it is not an appendage of the presidency.

The president's campaign, by now, has degenerated into a question of personal prestige. The people who are still supporting the proposals admit that their sole interest is that the president should not be defeated. It would be, they say, a terrific blow against his leadership; it would amount to a catastrophe.

The court is on the liberal side now. The conventions until now have been preserved. We still have legitimate government. If the president goes on insisting, not only that he wants a liberal court but that he wants it to be his court, organized in his way, the whole campaign will cease to have even dignity, and we shall begin to suspect that the president cares more for his personal prestige than he cares for what he started out to get.

The attitude of the members of the supreme bench also made it impossible to present the proposal as a great liberal measure. When Chief Justice Hughes and

Ten Years Ago

May 21, 1927 John H. Carlin of Medford and speaker of the house of representatives was elected district governor of the Lions club at state meeting and next convention will be held in Salem.

Irene Brethaupt, Robert Witty and Charles Redding have been nominated for places on the formal council at Willamette university. They are members of the Bar-W.

Twenty Years Ago

May 21, 1917 Pillow cases were sewed for the Red Cross hospital base at the home of Mrs. T. B. Kay Thursday afternoon when she asked the members of the Piety Hill auxiliary of the American Red Cross.

Miss Elizabeth Levy will be presented by William Wallace Graham of Portland in a recital Wednesday night at the First Christian church.

Officers Seated For Stayton P-T. Island 4-H'ers Give Broadcast Over KOAC Radio

STAYTON, May 20.—Mrs. W. G. Roberts acted as installing officer Monday night when the new officers of the Parent-Teachers association were installed at the last meeting of the year. The new officers are: President, Mrs. Earl Miller; vice-president, Mrs. Ben Schaefer; secretary, Miss Irene Gayton; and treasurer, Mrs. Charles Schmitt. Tom Palmer is the retiring president.

Following the business meeting, the Stayton band, under the direction of F. Lau, gave a program and "Japan, Its People and Customs," was shown in motion pictures presented by Dr. E. E. Gettleff.

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GRAND ISLAND, May 20.—Mrs. Grace Duren, principal and leader of the 4-H health and art clubs, took a group of the club members to Corvallis Monday afternoon to participate in the Yamhill county 4-H club program broadcast over KOAC that night. Club members going were Juanita and Marjorie Milford, Vernetta Wiley, Donald Rierison and Lois and Elvin Asher.

Grade school children in the district closed their books and said farewell to school duties until another fall, when the last day of school picnic was held at the school grounds Tuesday. In the morning this excellent program was given by the students, under the direction of the two teachers, Mrs. Grace Duren and Miss Zella Gilliam.

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MAY queen procession: crowning of Queen Vernetta I by Mrs. Ernest Douglas, chairman of the board of directors; play, "Boot's Day;" reading, George Douglas, "Off to the Woods;" four girls' reading, Marjorie Milford; clapping, Linnie Miller and Phyllis Mandigo; song, "Robins Are Singing in May;" Linnie Miller; song, upper grades; saxophones and piano selection, Lois and Elvin Asher; reading, Donald Rierison; piano solo, Louise Will; wand drill, eight girls; song, Lois Asher and Juanita Milford; song, primary room; "the royal crown" at which time the queen gave away her crown.

Muriel Ferguson, fourth grade, and Vernetta Wiley and Donald Rierison, eighth grade, were neither absent nor tardy during the entire school year.

Salt Creek Church's Male Chorus Presents Concert

SALT CREEK, May 20.—The Salt Creek church had a special program Sunday night when the male chorus gave its second annual concert. Twenty-six active members had part in the concert, directed by Rev. G. Neumann. Mrs. Norman Classen accompanied them at the piano. Mrs. Olga Kurtz of Albany was the soloist for the evening.

ANOTHER SMART USED CAR BUYER. My husband and I often talked about getting a second car for me to drive as he takes the family car to business. My husband says that we got it for less than \$35 under the ordinary market value for a car of that particular make and model. We're both more than satisfied. LOOK FOR THE SEAL OF QUALITY BEFORE YOU BUY. WOODBURN, May 20.—Funeral services for E. M. Ruhe, who died Thursday at his home here, were held Tuesday afternoon at the Fortland crematorium with the Elks lodge of Astoria in charge. Mr. Ruhe was born December 4, 1881, in Omaha, Neb., and came to Woodburn about two years ago. Surviving are his widow, Alma; brothers, Charles and Fred of Omaha, Herman of Ellensburg, Wa., and Frank of Seattle; sisters, Mrs. Minnie Larson of Omaha and Mrs. Winnie Larson of Woodburn.

Excellent Record Made by Spellers

KEIZER, May 20.—Miss Bernice Zielke, principal at Keizer, reports as follows on the county spelling contest: Third and 4th grades, 1st place; 5th and 8th grades, 3rd place; 7th grade, 2nd place; 6th grade, 8th place.

The 3rd and 4th grades, taught by Mrs. Lonna Purdue, have placed first in all the county spelling tests held this year. Pupils receiving 100 per cent in all spelling tests given this year are May Oye, 8th grade; Janette Stratton and Ray Sugal, 6th grade; Dean Peterson, Jacqueline Bock and Donna Lou Gottenburg, 3d grade.

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