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ON PREPARING A BARBECUE.

LET the ladies of the "Housewives' Forum" wrangle about one-dish dinners and summer salads. This has to do with that historic Oregon delicatable—the Barbecue.

Now there are barbecues and barbecues. The glorified highway has brought with it a sort of glorified sandwich stand which parodies the old fashioned institution of the Barbecue. There are all kinds of trick ovens and gadgets and ding-dongs purporting to turn out roasted beef or pork or veal after the fashion of barbecue. These things have their points. They serve their purpose.

But the Barbecue of Oregon tradition is something entirely different. It is more than just a food. It is a ritual. An Event. A Noble Occasion. And it is a masculine affair.

It comes down to us from the great days of the Oregon range when men were men and cut their whiskers once a week and a Roundup was not a mere circus attraction. The Barbecue was the crowning event of the Roundup and after weeks of chuck wagon fare of beans and bacon, it was a fitting ceremony.

There are too few who recall just how a Barbecue should be conducted, but one such is John Stein, of Plush, who officiated last week at Lakeview's annual tournament for the "Order of the Antelope" on Hart mountain. It should be written in the annals of that distinguished order that a Barbecue by Stein is not the least of the wonders of that fascinating country.

But let Mr. Stein himself explain the mysteries: "You start about 20 hours before time for the shindig. You dig a good big pit—so, oh, about four foot square and four foot deep, accordin' to how much you're goin' to barbecue. You build a big fire in the pit and you'd ought to use good dry mountain mahogany. And you heat boulders in the fire, lots of 'em."

"Then you fetch your beef. In the old days we used to just rope the first fat steer and drag him in. (Say! What do those blankety blank Lakeview butchers mean by sendin' me a heifer for Barbecue? How do I know it's better? Look at that grain in the meat. Pah! You tell those busters if they ever try to send me a heifer for Barbecue, I'll get their gizzards). Well, anyhow, you fix the meat, so!"

On a huge table a vast hind quarter is laid out. Mr. Stein and his lawyer assistant, Ted Conn, of Lakeview, wash the huge joint and anoint it carefully with salt, rubbing the seasoning into every fibre. Then they draw out huge bolts of heavy white cloth, a sort of thick muslin, and they wrap the meat in it, neatly, painstakingly, covering every portion, and soaking the cloth with water. Then they bring out great areas of clean burlap which they drench and sew into place as an extra casing. Chain traces once used in a six-mile hitch are locked into place around the great package.

"How's that fire?" Red-faced young men complain that they can't get near enough to get out "top boulders." Mr. Stein grabs a long handled shovel and slinging boulders fly from the fiery furnace. A few are left in the bottom of the pit, enough to make a paved surface over the red embers.

"Now quick! In the goos!" Steam spouts from the drenched burlap as a layer of red-hot rocks is placed on top of the package.

"Lay to the dirt! Tamp her down good boys! No, don't leave no opening nowhere."

A grave-like mound is patted down and smoothed off. Mr. Stein and Mr. Conn turn back to the "kitchen" where a vat of "sourdough" is in the making. It is 30 hours till Barbecue time. Have a sandwich. Go out and climb two or three mountains. Try to catch an antelope. Keep out of the "kitchen."

New potatoes and young carrots have been boiled and buttered and heaped in mounds upon the long tables. Jars of honey and enormous cubes of butter have been placed at strategic intervals. "Sourdough" biscuits are browning in the old fashioned "Dutch ovens" (iron kettles made to take "fire" on to pass well as bottom).

"Fetch 'er!" The shovel crew digs down till the chains are visible. Heavy wire loops are run through the chains to serve as handles.

"Easy now! Up she comes! Get 'er over to that table! Hand me your knives. No, you just slit the wrappers off 'er."

A heavenly aroma permeates the entire desert. Visiting judges show signs of drool; distinguished statesmen paw the air. You can grab a tin plate and some tools and make ready with the hot biscuits and other victuals, if you have a mind, but Mr. Stein conducts the unveiling ceremonies with decorum and dignity.

Brown "crackling" adheres to the muslin as it comes away. If you are lucky (and have tough fingers) you may snare a fragment.

"That!" Complete silence should attend the first ten minutes of a Barbecue by Stein. Only after a decent interval are appropriate remarks in order.

For the sake of history this record is set down, lest with the vanishing of the Old Timers the noble institution of Barbecue and the fine art of its preparation be lost forever.

"That!"

PORTLAND'S GEORGE BAKER.

FOR sixteen years, George Baker has been mayor of Portland. That is an unusually long service record for an American mayor. It is a longer time than other Portland officials have been able to please. Now George Baker retires, of his own volition, and the kind things which are being said about him are remarkable indeed. In politics such things are rare.

Clever politician? George Baker was all of that. An actor by early training, Mr. Baker had a gift for doing the little things which please. He made it a point to be on hand in person for all kinds of affairs. He was never too busy to welcome the conventions and great distinguished visitors and crown the beauty queens and he deserves a wheelbarrow load of medals and wound stripes for his faithfulness in eating and sitting through public

dinners. He kissed the appropriate babies and was kissed by suitable opera stars. He was a standby for the news pictures.

The success of Mayor Baker, however, cannot be attributed only to these deeds. As we see it, the outstanding factor in Mayor Baker's success was that he was content to be Portland's mayor. (And this might be of interest to his successor, the energetic Joe Carson, who is said to be nourishing aspirations for additional honors such as the governorship or a senatorial toga). Mayor Baker was often suggested as a possibility for "higher office," but he never tried to use the mayorality as a stepping stone. He figured it was quite a chore to be mayor.

In spite of his gallivanting to keep touch with the public, Mayor Baker was unusually well acquainted with his job. He knew the city's business. He gave it his personal attention. He was willing to accept management as a city official's real job. Without the building up of a vast political machine to keep him in power, Mr. Baker was elected time after time because the people of Portland, by and large, felt he was doing what needed to be done. As nearly as could be under the Portland form, he was "a city manager."

City administration after all is a business, just as much as running a railroad or a department store or a grocery. If it were easy to get George Baker for mayors, there would be little demand for city managers, because the manager plan, after all, is only a device for pinning somebody to the drudgery of the city job.

EUGENE'S SHORTCUT TO THE SEA.

BY reason of the new ruling making federal road funds available for secondary state highways, it will be possible, within the next year or so, to push to completion Eugene's short road to the sea. The \$53,000 appropriated to this Eugene-Siuslaw road at the last highway meeting will make it possible to grade three or four miles of the last 12-mile gap this summer.

If you will study the road on a highway map you can see its importance. It is the road which leads straight west from Eugene through Elmira and Noti and Walton and follows the Siuslaw river right through to where the main Siuslaw highway comes down Lake creek.

The pass just back of Noti is one of the lowest in the whole Coast range, only about 450 feet above sea level. With county money, new grade has already been completed almost to Richardson. The work stopped when the county ran out of funds, but the transfer of the secondary roads to the state system and the new ruling on federal funds will put an end to the waiting for this highway.

The short road will put Eugene within 65 miles of Florence. It will tie in with the new water grade on the Siuslaw from Rainier to Florence. It will be of vast importance not only in developing traffic between Western Lane and Eugene but in developing shipping through the port of Siuslaw.

Use of the mid-Oregon ports has been retarded by difficulty in getting tonnage. With fast roads opening up the back country, there will be rapid development of shipping through Reedsport, Florence, Newport, Tillamook, and the other "secondary harbors." In the beginning, vessels will probably make "pick-up" calls at the whole series of ports, but if the industrial and commercial developments come up to expectations, the Lane county seaport on the Siuslaw may become one of prime importance.

We have a tremendous tonnage of fruits, canned goods, dairy products and forest products needed in the big markets of California and the East, once tide-water freight rates are available.

THE MISCHIEVOUS DOLLAR.

QUITE wholly, in the view of most observers, President Roosevelt declines to "peg the dollar." Fixing the value could not be accomplished without general resumption of gold payments. It might be followed by a "profit pegging" scramble on the part of speculators and hoarders that would offset all the gains made to date.

Viewing the wild upward rush of the stock market on the mere report of the president's attitude, however, one is forced to the conclusion that the purely speculative gains are outrunning the actual industrial gains which can come only through genuine farm prosperity and restoration of employment.

A partial pegging or tethering of the dollar to curb speculative excesses is now under discussion and this may be a salutary thing if it can be accomplished through the federal reserve banks. The danger of the American position is not so much in the effect on the London conference and foreign dealings as in home excesses.

At home, even more than abroad, the problem is to keep the speculative boom from shooting prices out of reach.

STATE POLICE SCORE AGAIN.

WITHIN three hours after the killing of State Policeman Burrell Baucum on the Pacific highway at Sexton mountain (near Grants Pass), Baucum's fellow-officers in the state service had his alleged murderers under arrest. Only a week ago, the state police did a beautiful piece of work in running down the bandit who held up the Aumsville bank.

The state police system has more than justified itself by efficient work. It has proved the contention that a state-wide, unified system of policing is the only effective machinery against the modern motorized crook. Chief Charles Pray has built up a force which is a credit to the state.

In their dealings with citizens, the officers almost without exception, have shown themselves tactful and considerate. They are "poison" to crooks.

Speaking of better times, Dr. Charlie Hunt, prey of the Glee-men, is out riding around and looking pretty "peart" after his recent operation. Most of the folks who know Charlie will feel like shooting off an extra box of skyrocket to celebrate his recovery. If Eugene ever has one of those medals for living usefully and gallantly, Dr. Hunt ought to be one of the first to get it.

The New Deal apparently is to be played with the "dollars wild," and judging by the results in Wall Street it will be something like the old-fashioned custom of "roddies."

France and the other nations of the gold bloc might find encouragement in the news that Gold Basis won Saturday's Latonia Derby.

Anyhow, there can be no doubt that we have turned the corner. Even in higher education (some) salaries are going up.

PROF. MOLEY ARRIVES IN LONDON



JUNCTION CITY NEWS ITEMS

JUNCTION CITY, July 1.—(Special).—Mr. and Mrs. Chris Domaschofsky returned Saturday morning from their trip to the century of progress at Chicago.

Mrs. C. E. Hendryx of Portland, who has been visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Whitcomb, and uncle, J. M. Smith, returned to her home Saturday.

The case of Carl Ingram vs. Walter Nelson was tried by a jury in Justice J. E. Murphy's court Friday and was decided in favor of the defendant. This was a case brought for damages caused by allegedly negligent truck repairs. The jury was out only about one-half hour. Attorney Laurence appeared for the plaintiff and Gordon Wells for the defendant.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hansen and daughter and Mrs. F. W. Moorehead, Mrs. Hansen's mother, left Saturday via the McKenzie pass for Denver. They will visit during July at the home of Mrs. Florence White, Mrs. Moorehead's daughter.

Walter Andersen, a former resident of Junction City, now of Eugene, was a Junction City visitor Saturday.

Walter Chastine and Earl Pope of the Harrisburg section were business visitors in Junction City Saturday.

Mr. Dade, who is in charge of the state highway patrol on the Goldson section of the highway, and daughter, were in Junction City Saturday.

Mrs. Ford Tracer entertained a group of friends at her home here Thursday afternoon on the occasion of her birthday anniversary. A very pleasant afternoon was spent. Mrs. P. F. Petersen invited a group of friends in to her home Wednesday afternoon, June 21, to help celebrate her birthday anniversary. The time was spent visiting and partaking of the nice lunch served by the hostess. Those enjoying this pleasant afternoon were Grandmas Hansen, Mrs. Pete Volch, Mrs. Anna Wilde, Mrs. Clausen, Mrs. Joe Mitchell, Mrs. T. G. Williams, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. T. Morten Pedersen, Mrs. L. C. Larsen.

NEWS HAPPENINGS OF COBURG

COBURG, July 1.—(Special).—The office force of McMoran and Washburne store held a picnic back of Skinkers' butte Tuesday evening as a farewell party for Miss Eileen Allum, who is leaving the store July 15, and a bridal shower for Miss Leola Snyder, both of Coburg. Following the picnic a mock wedding was staged. Mr. Hichens was the groom and Mrs. L. M. Morton the blushing bride, who wore a tissue paper veil and carried a bouquet of cabbage, lettuce and carrots. Mrs. Mary Gamber was very cunning as flower girl, Miss Eileen Allum performed the ceremony and afterward read her will bequeathing all her office effects and privileges to those remaining to use them. Miss Leola Snyder was the recipient of many attractive and useful gifts. Those present were the guests of honor, Miss Leola Snyder and Miss Eileen Allum, Mr. and Mrs. Hichens, Mrs. L. M. Morton, Mrs. Mary Gamber, Mr. and Mrs. Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bershaw, Miss Mildred Kelson, Miss Grace Allen, Miss Gladys Calkins, Henry Reisdell, Elmer Harkins and Thomas Winn.

John Rannich is erecting a large barn on his 200 acre ranch one mile north of Coburg. The barn is modern in every detail. W. M. Derrick of Shedd, has charge of the work.

S. W. George of Eugene, was out looking over his walnut and filbert ranch west of Coburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Funke and three children, Verna Dell, Joyce and Morris, have gone to Portland to spend a few days with Mrs. Funke's aunt, Mrs. Ella Morris.

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