

Oswald West Was a Boy Once, and in Salem Too

By BEN MAXWELL

Former Governor Oswald West has been prominent in Oregon's public life for so many years that a younger generation has come to believe that he never had any youth at all. To refute this assumption Os has sent the Capital Journal his likeness as he appeared in 1879 at the age of six in a Salem-made photograph.



Oswald West, who was governor of Oregon 40 years ago, shown as a child of six in Salem in 1879.

It was at about this age that Os saved enough pennies by being exceedingly thrifty to buy a dozen bantam chicken eggs. Bantams were then in strong demand and Os had visions of profit from an expanding flock. But it so happened that a neighbor talked Os's generous father out of the eggs. The neighbor got the eggs, Os got nothing.

But the miserly neighbor had no bantam chicks, either. Os discovered where the hen "set" and surreptitiously punctured every one of the 12 eggs. For months on end the miserly neighbor vented his wrath and perplexity about Os's eggs that failed to hatch.

While in Salem in the 1880s Os attended both Little and Big Central schools and when he was a pupil in East School in 1889 he was recognized as the best penman in all of Salem's public schools. This capacity landed him a job paying \$20 a month with the Ladd & Bush bank. Thirty years later he was elected governor of Oregon on the Democratic ticket as the result of an

Scout Membership Now at 3,395,884

NEW YORK—The Boy Scouts of America now has 3,395,884 enrolled members, following an increase of 6.7 per cent in 1953, Chief Executive Arthur A. Shuck reported last night.

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Sale Attracts Valley Cattle

Many Western Oregon cattlemen are consigning purebred bulls to the Oregon Cattlemen's Association fifth annual Spring Range Bull Sale to be held in Ontario, Oregon, on February 12 and 13.

Jim Burzell, Salem; Frank W. Cochran, Brownsville; Jack T. Harmon, Eugene; Walter P. Hubbard, Junction City; Howard Jones, McMinnville; R. A. Ward, Halsey; J. W. Gilmour, Jefferson; Reed Holding, Mist; Glen Martin, McCoy and J. C. Moran, Vernonia all have offerings for this annual sale event sponsored by the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. Holding and Moran are Shorthorn breeders while the rest named raise the Hereford variety.

The sale is to be judged and graded. Harvey McDougal, commercial cattlemen of Collinsville, California; Paul Muller and Judge Tippett, Oregon cattlemen comprise the grading committee. Sifting will be done by Jim Ellings, Oregon State College and Dr. William Hansell, Athena. Ellis White, Ontario will be the auctioneer.

Frank Beeson, secretary of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, told newsmen that the livestock industry is on better footing than it was three months ago, and while there is still market improvement needed, stockmen have taken a more optimistic attitude recently. "The current shortage of bulls is evidence of the production trend," he commented.

The cattlemen's sale will feature 92 Herefords, five Polled Herefords and 13 Shorthorns. The Oregon Shorthorn Breeders Association have joined the Cattlemen's Association in this annual sale.

Sheridan Auxiliary Elects New Leaders

SHERIDAN—Past Presidents Parley of Sheridan American Legion Auxiliary met at the Legion hall to elect officers as follows: president, Mrs. John Hendricks; vice president, Mrs. Manley Thurber; secretary - treasurer, Mrs. Roy Malo; and sergeant at arms, Mrs. Coral Todd.

Members took a sack lunch which was auctioned off, the proceeds going to the March of Dimes fund.

The Eagles Auxiliary with their families met at the new Eagles hall for a no host dinner honoring the state president, Mrs. Lona Pickel of Medford who was making an official visit. Miss Sharon Patterson was initiated into the auxiliary at the meeting following the supper. Refreshments including a birthday cake honoring the birthdays of Karen Hutchinson, Lala Gift and Gladys Plummer, were served.

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