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SPORTSMANSHIP.

"I lost and lost fair," said the vanquished immediately after the last heavyweight championship bout. Noble sentiment for him to express after giving a very low blow in the last rounds when he was plainly losing.

It was just as well that he lost fair after that for it would have been almost impossible for him to have won fair.

Where is all this vaunted American sportsmanship that we have talked about in the past years. On the two occasions that the champion has appeared in title fights in this country he has been fouled by men at the head, theoretically, of American sports.

It seems that when sportsmanship comes into competition with the dollar and personal reputation it always loses.

A MODERN HOLIDAY.

There has been much mourning this year over the old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration with its scorched fingered youth and its high-flown praise of the nation's greatness. A sort of harking back to the days of "when I was twenty-one" and all the fields were green. Well, we suppose the mellow apple always thinks longingly of the time when it was green and still hanging from the parental tree. The glamour of life is pretty well gone and therefore ruined by the time one is seasoned enough to become a very well known writer. Cause or effect, we don't know, but it seems to be true.

The present style of celebrating the nation's holiday—on a day that has no historical significance, by the way—apparently suits the folks here now very well. Many of our whiskered patriots have listened to the reading of the Declaration of Independence upward of fifty times without ever remembering the first line of it, and have heard enough oratorical rhetoric to convince them that our nation was perfect without ever changing their opinion about the tax rate or the honesty of Democrats or Republicans as the case may be.

Nowadays the celebratee and his family take off in the family carryall and actually see more of the country he claims as his own than his grandfather knew existed. He fishes, picnics or just drives to suit his own will, or perhaps that of the back seat adviser, and really is more individualistic and American than grandpa could afford to be.

OUR RAILROAD PROBLEM.

The railroad situation is another manifestation of the fact that our economic conditions are not healthy. The farmers, with the value of their products cut far below the cost of production know that they must have lower freight rates in order to continue at all.

They feel that it is not worth one bushel of wheat to carry four bushels one hundred fifty miles to tidewater. They feel so decided on this question that they will haul their wheat to the Columbia river and transport it to the sea by boat unless the railroads or the Interstate Commerce Commission gives some relief from the present high rates. That is the farmer's side of it and he will stick to his resolve as long as rates remain at their present figure.

Little is heard in this country of the pleas of railroad shareholders for higher rates of income, we are not greatly worried about the demands made on the railroads by the labor unions, yet all these effect rail rates as much as does the producers plea that he may have cheaper rates than at present.

Labor, especially railway labor, is an important part of the voting public to be considered by any body that exists because of government sanction as does the Interstate Commerce Commission. The bond and share holders who own the railroads but know nothing of the operation of them are another powerful group who like to see rail rates and rail income go up.

The Interstate Commerce Commission's ruling lowering the rates will go into effect August 1st unless something happens between now and then to postpone it further. That is what the farmers have been fighting for. Hearings on the proposed fifteen percent increase in all rail rates will begin July 15th. That is what the rail roads are fighting for.

At the present time the farmers are in a fairly good position in this argument, but it will behoove them to watch their step until this is all settled or the powerful influences opposed to agriculture will reduce this apparent advantage to naught.

VALUE OF A NEWSPAPER

Some weeks ago this paper in reporting the actions of the city council stated that they were contemplating the purchase of additional meters in the water system. Before the meters were bought offers came to the council to furnish meters at a decided saving.

They saved something over \$40.00 on a dozen meters because this paper printed the results of their deliberations. This is one example of the way a newspaper serves the district it represents. It is a necessary part of modern community life.

"Bustles, hoop-skirts, mutton-leg sleeves, short skirts and now pajamas. Modest enough but another example of the fact that the eternal feminine is eternally changing something. Where is that hoary headed sage who said that woman was the conservative sex?"

Grass Valley

W. B. Wilcox came up on the stage Monday from Portland where he has been visiting for the past week or ten days.

Leroy Stradley was here Saturday night and part of Sunday from his work on the highway near The Dalles.

Vern McGowan came up from Independence to spend the Fourth with friends.

Ray Ragsdale is home again from LaGrande where he expects to locate soon.

Mrs. Henry Tetz and Mrs. Harold Hughes were here over the Fourth. Mrs. Hughes from the Normal school at Monmouth, and Mrs. Tetz from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Johnson and Dorothy Olds left last week for the coast, Bob returning Sunday but the others will remain for a month or more in the salty air along the ocean.

Dr. and Mrs. Poley and family spent the holiday at Camp Sherman.

Rinehart Wassenmiller was here over the Fourth visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wassenmiller.

Miss Louise Wedam, a niece of Mrs. John Buether, and a sister of Miss Victoria Wedham, is spending a few days here. Eugene Charles is also visiting at the Buether home.

Charles E. Davis was here for a few days the first of the week from his work in Washington.

Ted Peterson spent the Fourth of July here from The Dalles where he is now living.

Mrs. Minnie B. Robinson, of Knightsen, Calif., is here to spend the remainder of the summer with her aunt, Mrs. Lucy Ruggles.

Mrs. O. M. Fraley was here last week with Mr. and Mrs. Art Bibby from Heppner. They remained until after the Fourth.

Little Billy Dickson scared his parents very thoroughly when he developed a sore and stiff neck shortly after being burned with a fire cracker. He was rushed to the hospital where his illness was proclaimed to be mumps.

George Wilcox and Earl Olds drove to Portland Tuesday for a few days stay.

Kenneth Olds was here a short time last week on his way to Pendleton where he will work this summer. He recently graduated from the University of Oregon.

Garfield Dugger and wife and Will Dugger arrived Tuesday morning from their home in Portland to help the farmers of this section harvest.

Clarence Scheurer and wife are here on their vacation from work with the Standard Oil Co. in Portland.

P. L. Stevens is staying here for a few days with Bob Johnson. He will drive an oil truck during the rush season.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Blake had as guests over the Fourth, Miss Katherine Feldman of Ione and Neil Sherman of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pollock and family of Los Angeles, Calif. were here the first of the week on their way to the Yellowstone Park. Mrs. Pollock is a sister of Mrs. W. B. Wilcox and Mrs. J. B. Burton.

Luke Bibby and Dick Huhman drove to Klamath Falls Monday on a short business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gervais and children spent the Fourth in Goldendale. Miss Margaret Ragsdale accompanied them.

Call for Bids.

Sealed bids for school bus driver of Boardman School District No. 22, for school year 1931-32, will be accepted until July 15, 1931. Address bids to TOM FRASER, Clerk School Dist. 22, Moro, Ore. [6 19-10]

Beneficent Nature

In the final examinations conducted in a Chicago high school, the following question was asked: "What is the essential thing about the earth from an agricultural standpoint?" One answer read: "The essential thing about the earth from an agricultural standpoint is that it revolves on its axis, thereby providing for the rotation of crops."

Kent News

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beezley were here over the Fourth of July holiday to visit Mrs. Frances Bibby, Mrs. Beezley's mother.

A. A. Dunlap and family returned lastweek from a trip into the Willamette valley where they visited Fred Haynes and family.

J. L. Rudolph who was the Kerr-Gifford manager in Kent for several months, moved with his family to Pendleton where he will be employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wily Knighten returned from Portland Friday of last week to remain the remainder of the summer in Sherman county.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

Five hundred persons attended the annual Central Oregon Grange picnic held in Redmond.

Lincoln county will build a modern two-room schoolhouse at Otis. Construction will start at once and the building completed for use this fall.

A canvass of the cranberry bogs in the section north of Coos Bay reveals expectations of a normal crop at normal prices. New plantings are in progress.

Oiling of the newly completed road along the McKenzie highway is being held up because of the rain, as the road oiling process requires dry weather.

Two hundred residents of Hermiston and vicinity attended the Saturday night jubilee dinner celebrating the appropriation by congress of funds for the new experiment farm.

W. H. Crook, Pistol river farmer, has served notice on the state game commission that unless they protect him from marauding bands of elk, he is going on an elk hunt, law or no law.

Many shipments of vegetables and root crops coming into Klamath Falls from the Rogue River country recently have been sent back by the local inspector because of nematode infection.

One hundred and fifty young turkeys were burned recently at the W. A. Curtis ranch, near Terrebonne. The turkeys were in a new brooder house, and the fire started from the brooder stove.

The Rogue River Traffic association has taken steps toward securing the printing on all pear wrappers of brief and plain directions on how to ripen winter pears in order to get full eating value.

The state of Oregon owns land, buildings, equipment and livestock valued at approximately \$25,812,848, according to a tabulation prepared by the state budget department. Although the valuation schedule bears date of July 1, 1930, the figures were not completed until recently.

A steam shovel on the John Day highway grade, on the north fork of the river, rolled down a 100-foot embankment and was destroyed by fire. Two trucks which were taken over with the shovel were not burned. The cause of the accident is unknown. The crew was at lunch at the time.

Success has finally crowned the efforts of Butte valley farmers to get an adequate supply of irrigating water. After spending considerable money and effort, wells have been drilled in the valley affording a supply of 900 gallons per minute. There are six wells now turning water into the irrigation system.

By a vote of 82 to 36 the voters of Gold Beach rejected a proposal to incorporate the town, with the result that this community retains the distinction of being the only county seat in the entire United States without an organized government. The town will continue to be without established curbs or police or inspectors. Voters feared that if they incorporated municipal taxes would become burdensome.

A hill of potatoes that has survived for 13 years through the process of reproduction is growing on the Spencer farm on the Brownsville-Halsey road in Linn county. The hill is the survivor of a crop that was planted in 1918.

The law enacted by the 1931 legislature creating the new state agricultural department became operative July 1. The department absorbed virtually all state agencies having to do with agriculture and is under the direction of Max Gehlar.

Due to 2.77 inches of rain which has fallen in June on the Siskiyou national forest, \$1500 has been saved, according to Supervisor J. H. Billingslee. The sum is the amount that would have been spent in wages for lookouts and firemen on the forest had the rain not fallen to protect the woods from fires.

Not since the days of railroad promotion in Lincoln county have the residents of Nashville been so expectant as recently, when the discovery

of natural gas gave indications of oil in the vicinity. Dick Lakin recently made public his discovery and the community people joined him in building a road to the prospect.

John Sherman Gray, 83, the grand old man of Lower Umpqua, died at his home in Gardiner of heart disease. He was born in Embden, Somerset county, Maine, September, 1849, on the place which his great-grandfather settled in the 17th century. The latter was a brother of Captain Robert Gray, discoverer of the Columbia river.

Thirty-three pioneers, who either crossed the plains as children or are native sons and daughters of Oregon, attended the annual dinner of the Linn County Pioneer association. The combined age of those present was 1744 years. Queen Rebecca Morris and Mrs. Mary Overton tied for the honor of being the eldest. They confessed to 85 years.

Old times were relived again at Pendleton when the river steamer Umattilla landed a cargo of 140 tons of wheat sacks there for wheat farmers of the Inland Empire. The sacks were purchased from San Quentin penitentiary by the farm board at what the board said was a great saving. A large crowd witnessed the docking of the historic river boat.

Donald W. Lawson, 26, was in the Oregon City hospital with burns on his hands, arms and right leg as a result of a fire which started while he was repairing his automobile. When Lawson touched a wrench to a live wire, the spark set fire to the gasoline and the flames spread to his clothing and to the automobile. He was forced to leap into the Clackamas river to quench the fire.

A granite marker commemorating the site of the first schoolhouse built in Umattilla county has been erected on the lawn of the county courthouse at Pendleton by the Umattilla chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In simple ceremonies Colonel James E. Raley, pioneer attorney of the county, described the schoolhouse as he remembered it when it stood where the courthouse now stands.

A freak lamb possessed of two perfect bodies with but one head was born on the ranch of Mrs. Ed Campbell near Pilot Rock, and has succumbed after living but two days because the artificial feeding which was necessary failed to supply the right nourishment. A post mortem examination reveals that the two bodies were perfect in every respect and were joined to the head by branching throats and windpipes.

A crew has started construction of a forest road to close a gap of a mile and a quarter in a scenic loop road which will connect the Mill creek road in the Ochoco forest with the Ochoco highway at the summit of the Blue mountains. Work will be completed within three weeks, and when it is done, motorists may enjoy a loop trip of about 75 miles, through the Ochoco national forest, one of the most scenic drives in central Oregon.

Beneficent "Slaves"

This new world will be a world based on slavery, but its slaves will be knowledge and the machine.—Frank Clement.

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