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ONE HUNDRED SIXTY YEARS

A week from tomorrow this nation will celebrate its 160th birthday. It is not a long time for a government to live when judged by the periods of time other nations have survived. It is, however, a long time for a democracy to exist in the modern world.

The United States was the first of the democracies that came out of the turbulent period started in the eighteenth century. The Declaration of Independence proclaims that all men are created equal and that liberty and the pursuit of happiness are among the inalienable rights of mankind.

The theory of equality of all men has been interpreted to mean that all are equal before the law as neither government nor proclamation can make men equal in all matters, Divine Providence having arranged for endless variation in living kind.

For 160 years America has been a lodestone that drew the oppressed of all the world who were hopeful of liberty—liberty to worship as they chose, to speak and write as they chose. This country would soon cease to be the ideal of human government if liberty of action was lost.

Today, the United States and the parent country, England, are the only countries in the world where liberty is recognized. Dictators have taken the right to protest against their governments from the people of every other land. There is no free speech or free press. The words of the dictators are law.

The peoples of other countries have been unable to hold their liberties and they have been lost. Perhaps the most liberty loving of the peoples of other countries came to America and joined with the pioneers of this land.

During the 160 years since the Declaration of Independence this nation has undergone some very trying times including civil war, economic depressions and has expanded many times in size. There has been constant re-statement of the theory that changing conditions will make democracy fail yet comparatively few changes in the written constitution have been made. When need arises and the people favor a change the means are provided.

The loss of democratic government and liberty in other countries proves that constant watchfulness is the price of liberty. One need have no particular care for the government under a dictator, but in a democracy the citizens must be active and concerned with their government.

We have existed as a government for 160 years. Upon our own actions depend the continuance of that period.

COMPARISONS

A recent trip through the western part of the state brings some peculiar reactions especially regarding their climate and the country and its effect on the inhabitants. It has often been said that the ambition of people in this part of the state is to accumulate enough money to enable them to move away.

Across the mountains and in southern Oregon people are afraid to accumulate money for fear they will want to move away, or at least that is the boast of some of them.

Compared to the agriculture in the wheat country of Oregon the inhabitants of the valleys in the western part of the state appear inefficient. Grass and weeds and brush grow along the fence rows in a constantly widening border, and the crops and orchards are often full of weeds, but so prolific is the country that enough is produced anyway. So, why worry about a few weeds.

There are fish in the creek, there are deer in the hills, there is fertility in the earth to make a crop with little effort. What if the hay is weedy, there will be enough of it and the pasture will keep the horse and cow anyway. There is wood all around for fuel and lumber for houses and barns are cheap. Berries, fruits and vegetables grow anyway, anywhere, both tilled and

untilled, wild and tame. No one has to really do anything about it. The residents seem to have followed the poets injunction to "fling away ambition" and live on the country with a minimum of effort and the greatest degree of pleasure. The variety of crops possible allows them to put their eggs in several baskets as recommended in the old injunction whereas residents of the wheat country follow Andrew Carnegie who said that one should put all his eggs in one basket and then watch that basket.

The land visited is a soft country where mere living is so easy that little else is attempted. This is a harder country where ambition is stirred. One is reminded of the comparisons of Kingsley in his "Ode to the North-East Wind" when he holds the soft south wind to scorn and praises to north-easter. "Tis the hard grey weather Breeds hard English men."

So Oregon has room for both: the man who would work hard and play for the stakes of large income and the one who prefers to hunt a little, fish a little, work a little and have a little.

REGARDING MR. PEGLER

During the Republican convention it appeared as if the sarcastic Westbrook Pegler, was bothered by a very bad stomach that kept him from seeing the bright-side of any of the actions of that conclave. It just didn't please Westbrook a bit. The candidate, the platform, the delegates were all personally incompetent and irrelevant.

Many gathered the feeling thru out the week that Mr. Pegler was undoubtedly a Democrat of the most decided leanings. This week he is proving them wrong.

Now that the Democrats are holding their quadriennial brawl the sarcasm of Mr. Pegler is just as pointed against them and their leaders. Perhaps he just don't like folks of any political complexion.

Maybe, though, he is just a step ahead—or to one side—and when the pot calls the kettle black he is able to see the smudgy bottoms of both combatants. Many of us are prone to find little good in the opposition and campaign years bring out the most pronounced statements regarding the position of others. Mr. Pegler just agrees with both sides that the other side is iniquitous. We certainly hope he is not entirely correct.

Whether Governor Martin is correct in stating that the people are backing his stand or not it is certain that many people use the same kind of words, mule skinner, golfers and amateur carpenters being the most noted of them.

There is no joy in Harlem, Mighty Louis has struck out.

County courts in western Oregon have formed an organization to hire a secretary and lobby for things they want in the legislature. Any secretary who could put that over should be a good one to lobby.

It was most fortunate for Mr. Barkley and Mr. Robinson that the Republicans held their meeting first.

The old timers used to say that wheat would fill properly on a diet of west wind. It is probable that the statement was based on observation instead of on hope. Anyhow the winds of the week don't seem to be doing any damage.

Firecrackers are more powerful nowadays than in papa's boyhood and more fingers will probably be blown off this year than ever before.

The checkered career of Mr. Zioncheck appears to be checked.

It begins to look as if high school boys will not carry sack needles in their hat bands this year in Sherman county, an affront to the productivity of the county they have been able to get by with for several harvest seasons.

The Fourth of July will find people in a celebrating mood this year, with a good looking crop coming up after the holiday.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

(Continued from page one) that he will have the situation well in hand in the event the Rooseveltians again control the House or, in event of Republican control, the majority partisans deadlock over the choice of a speaker with Earl Hill of Lane county and Frank Longan of Multnomah county both mentioned in that connection.

From eastern Oregon come reports that Clint Haight, Canyon City newspaperman, may enter the legislative race as an independent candidate for state senator from the twenty-second district comprised of Grant, Harney and Malheur counties. If he does he will be opposed by Robert M. Duncan, incumbent republican from Burns, and Robert E. Lees, of Ontario, democratic candidate. Haight was defeated by Walter Pierce for the democratic nomination for Congress in the second district but is strong with the Townsends who recently elected him as a member of the national advisory board from Oregon.

Governor Martin's proposal to transfer most of the minors now serving time in the state penitentiary to the training school for boys has aroused a storm of protest from persons who are fearful of the bad influence these older boys might exert over the younger offenders at the Woodburn institution. There are now 62 boys under the age of 21 years at the penitentiary. It is expected that approximately 40 of these will be eligible for transfer under the plan proposed by the governor who has asked James Lewis, warden at the prison, and Sam Laughlin, superintendent of the boys school, to select the boys for transfer. The move, it is explained, would serve the two fold purpose of reducing the rapidly increasing prison population and of segregating the more youthful criminals from the older criminals confined in the penitentiary.

The state relief pot which has been simmering merrily ever since Governor Martin threw the fat in the fire two weeks ago is expected to come to a full boil at a meeting of the relief committee in Portland Friday. The governor has announced his intention of attending and subjects to be discussed will probably include reduction of the relief rolls and reduction of overhead costs of relief administration. Already two members of the relief committee—E. R. Bryson of Eugene and Miss Celia Gavin of The Dalles—have resigned as a result of Governor Martin's criticism of their work and further resignations are expected. In a public statement Saturday the governor reiterated his insistence that all "chiselers" be removed from the relief rolls, declaring that relief funds must be conserved for the incapacitated and loafers must be put to work.

Oregon consumers have no cause for complaint over the high price of milk. A report filed by Paul C. Adams, administrator of the Milk Control Board, shows that in spite of the increase of one cent a quart in the price of milk the price in Oregon is still below the level of adjoining states. Under the pool arrangement, Adams' report shows producers in the state's four marketing areas—Portland, Salem, Eugene and Corvallis—now receive \$2.34 per 100 pounds for four per cent milk compared to a price of \$1.65 per cwt a year ago.

Because of a lack of interest in the proposal to display the college and university colors on automobile license plates the plan has been abandoned by Secretary of State Snell. The 1937 plates, instead, will be black numerals on a white background. Besides the black and white combination will result in a material saving over the other color combinations, Snell explained.

Forty-eight Oregon motorists had their drivers' licenses revoked during May, 45 for drunken driving. Thirty six licenses were suspended.

EARLY-STOCK MEN

(Continued from page one) their cuds. The range was so littered with dead animals when spring came, some of which were skinned by order of the owners of their brands, that green (blow) flies would swarm at evening in the settlers' shacks and coal oil lamps would fill with flies whose wings were singed by flying about the lamps until the chimneys would fill above the lamp wicks. It was during this skinning period that the writer skinned sheep for D. J. Cooper, a Dalles sheep man whose camp was at Emmigrant Springs near the head of the grade leading to John Day ferry. For sheep skinning ten cents per pelt was paid and good wages were made at skinning sheep for him and others from the breaks of the Des Chutes to my claim south and west of Wasco. Skinning had to be done quickly to save the hides and pelts.

Well do I remember the trip I made to Emmigrant Springs for skinning sheep for D. J. Cooper. The deep snow was melting and

settling in swales enroute. Wading through slush snow water over soft ground after a winter of actual idleness found me not hardened for the trip and I actually took a ride on top of the camp tenders' pack animal he was leading. We arrived toward evening at the lower shack and found the herder had moved higher up on the range where the ground was partially cleared of snow. I looked long and wishfully at the straw bunk which the herder had used before I consented to go on with the camp tender. Loaded was the pack horse with plenty of supplies except lard. This part of camp cooking was supposed to be gotten from the wethers killed for dog meat. So emaciated were these animals that not enough tallow could be had for greasing the bread pan. The herder, Fred Hall, remarked he wished the camp tender had brought along a box of axle grease when he dug the baked-dough out of the bake pan.

No horses were lost as horses would paw the snow which exposed the cured bunch grass, not even colored by moisture as the snow fell on dry earth and dust filled wagon ruts in the road. As the snow melted and cattle ventured out to graze they would mire down and when helped to rise would charge the helper and go down again, being perfectly wild.

Spring brought plenty of work for all at plowing, seeding, ditch digging and fencing. P. S. To be accurate I must mention as stock men Clark Dunlap and his father-in-law Mr. Chapman located at middle Spanish Hollow watering place just below Wasco. Also the Armsworthys and their father, Mr. Armsworthy ran the first hotel in Wasco. His old maid daughter or sister did the cooking.

C. W. Barzee, 412 S. E. 30th Ave. Portland, Ore

In Other Days

From the Observer June 28, 1907

Moro could employ 100 men continuously in brick, tile, cement and plaster works, besides supplying the world with bon ami.

John Clark has a fine new well on his Kent farm, and has relegated the tank wagon. His well, pump, wind mill, reservoir and all combined, cost \$1,700, but if you want to realize what value a farmer places upon such an addition, ask John what he would go back to water hauling for.

Mark this down in plain sight, where you will not forget it: "Moro city property will never again be so cheap as it is now." This little city is just entering on "its best days" even though some folks think it may resemble a "singed" cat in many of its parts.

Ray Ragsdale's name appears in the list of graduates at the Monmouth State Normal this week.

The night of the 20th S. H. Mosher's team of horses became unhitched from the rack in Moro, and went home, 11 miles, without a driver. They must have struck a lively gait as the seat was shaken loose, the circle split and tongue damaged. An overcoat, robe, cushion and duster was lost.

From the Observer June 29, 1917

Mrs. S. C. Bryant arrived this week from her home in Portland to visit her son, Attorney W. C. Bryant. Mrs. Bryant is 70 years old and very active for her age.

W. C. Rutledge returned Sunday from Portland going that far with his son Joseph, who was called by the navy last week. Mr. Rutledge said that the night his boy left Portland 10 others accompanied



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Besides being efficient, a modern electric range is a beautiful addition to any kitchen. Its smart styling adapts itself to any decorative treatment. And its gleaming porcelain enamel finish can be kept immaculate by only a swish of a damp cloth.

Be cookery wise. Declare now for kitchen freedom by deciding on an electric range. Among the new models is a range to suit every purse. See them today.

INSPECT the new electric refrigerators and water heaters, too. For once you enjoy the conveniences of electric cooking, you're going to want to build toward an all-electric kitchen.

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him, and 210 left the next night. Miss Cassie A. Holmes of Grass Valley was a member of the June 1917, graduating class of St. Vincent hospital training school. The commencement exercises were held this week, the class numbering 15.

Officers of the National Asso. of the Red Cross have advised those in charge that Sherman county ranks highest of all places, cities or counties in the United States in its support and subscription in proportion to its population. The amount per capita is in excess of \$8.50 and no other district has exceeded that figure.

TAKE IT EASY

Unless you are a seasoned traveler, it is wise to make the first day's drive reasonably short - say 200 miles - when starting out on a long motor trip, according to the Oregon State Motor association. Then, if fatigue is not too great, the mileage can be increased each day until the mind and body accustom themselves to long-distance driving.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Alice Belshe has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Clay Belshe, deceased, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, to said administratrix at the home of Robert Belshe, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice. The first publication is June 26, 1936.

Alice Belshe, Administratrix. J. Tracy Barton, Attorney for Estate 34-37

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

On Saturday the 25th day of July, 1936, at the hour of 10:00 a. m., at the front door of the County Court House in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, I will sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property located in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

The Southeast quarter (SE1) of Section Thirty-two (32), Southwest quarter (SW1), West half of the Southeast quarter (W1SE1) of Section Thirty-three (33), in Township Three (3) South Range Fifteen (15) East of the Willamette Meridian, and Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 and the Southwest quarter (SW1NW1) of Section Four (4), Lot One (1) and the South half of the Northeast quarter (S1NE1), North half of the Southeast quarter (N1SE1) and the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter (NE1SW1) of Section Five (5) in Township Four (4) South of Range Fifteen (15) E. W. M., containing 481.02 acres, more or less, in Sherman County, Oregon.

Said sale is made under execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, to me directed in the case of "Evelyn Houghton, Plaintiff, vs. John Engstrom, et al, Defendants." I am directed to sell particularly all of the interest, right and title in the above described property which W. M. McGinnis and Katie McGinnis, husband and wife, or either of them, had therein on January 4, 1926 (the date of the execution of the mortgage upon which said judgment is based) and

any and all interest which they, or either of them, and all persons holding by, through or under them, or either of them, may have since acquired therein. The purchaser at said sale will be placed in immediate possession of said property and of the whole thereof.

HUGH CHRISMAN Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon GALLOWAY & KRIER Attorneys for Plaintiff 34-38

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of July, 1936, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the County Court House in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described land, to-wit:

The West Half of Section 10 in Township 2 South of Range 16 East of the Willamette Meridian in Sherman County, Oregon, except so much of said premises as is included in a 100-foot right-of-way 50 feet on either side of the center line of the railroad of the Columbia Southern Railway Company, conveyed by Henry Frock and wife to E. E. Lytle by deed recorded December 19, 1899, in Book "G" at page 615, Record of Deeds for said county.

Said sale is under execution issued out of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County to me directed in the case of the California Joint Stock Land Bank of San Francisco, a corporation, plaintiff, v. C. E. Johnson and others, defendants, which said execution commands me to sell said land to satisfy the sum due said plaintiff, to-wit: the sum of \$7,452.01 and interest thereon.

Dated June 8th, 1936. HUGH CHRISMAN Sheriff of Sherman County, Ore. 32-36

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

On Wednesday, the 7th day of July, 1936, at the hour of ten o'clock, a. m., at the front door of the courthouse in Moro, Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property located in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

That portion of the SW1 of Sec. 2, lying west of the John Day River in Sherman County, Oregon; and the E1 of the SE1 and the NW1 of the SE1 of Sec. 3; and the W1 of the SE1 of Section 4; and the NW1 of the North west 1/4 of Sec. 11, and that portion of the E1 of the W1 of Sec. 11, lying west of the John Day River, in Sherman County, Oregon, all in Township 1 N, Range 19 EWM. Situated in Sherman County, Oregon. Together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Said sale is made under execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman to me directed in the case of Clema A. Allen, plaintiff, vs. M. F. Duncan and Agnes Duncan, husband and wife; The Dalles Investment Company a corporation; William G. McDonald and Mattie J. McDonald, husband and wife; and Mary Nitschke, a widow, defendants. HUGH CHRISMAN

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