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THE FAIR

In four short weeks we will be celebrating the end of the harsvst season with the annual county fair. It has grown to be something of an American custom to bring the first of the flock, the biggest head of cabbage, the finest filly, to a central meeting place and show them to appreciative neighbors.

Every one likes to see that which most nearly approaches perfection whether it be embroidered bed spread or 4–H club calf and to this sentiment may be laid our liking for fairs. Fairs are, of necessity, rural for it is among rural scenes that the producers are found.

The exhibits at every fair should be sufficiently inclusive and diversified to properly represent every farm activity in the area. It is upon a basis similar to this that county exhibits are judged at the state fair. This means that the Sherman county fair should have many exhibits of wheat, especially of the varieties grown here. There should be some very fine beef cattle and some good dairy stock for these industries have more followers here now than for some time past. While the county has fewer horses than for several years there are probably more colts growing on the farms than for sveral years. And furthermore the quality of horses is steadily increasing. This is not to assume that in the days when everyone worked horses and when the county had a reputation for producing the finest work horses there were not good horses here. Nowdays, however, there are a number of full blooded horses, and breeders are producing registered animals for a more selective market than was formerly the case.

The new venture in the production of light saddle stock interest and horses of this type will be on display in substantial numbers. This kind of horse especially lends himself to showmanship and seems to enjoy the eyes of a crowd.

As for fruits and vegetables there should be all of the common varieties for all are grown within the confines of the county. This year has in many places been a good one for gardens and the exhibits should be larger than common.

There is much to show and every farm or ranch may be represented in the list of prize winners. After it is all over and the grounds are empty again there should be no wishes that an exhibit had been made for better quality was to be found at home than won the prize. Let everyone make it their fair.

PRISONERS' PAROLE

The recent uprising in the state penitentiary, together with the court decision that brought it about, should and probably will result in a clarification of the law regarding paroles and "Good Time" allowances to prisoners.

Criticism has often been leveled at Oregon because it did not have a parole system that met the qualifications set forth by the federal prison board. The Oregon parole board serves without pay and meets "from time to time as occasion requires" and cannot make the study of parole methods that a full time parole officer might. The present parole officer works under the board.

It is undoubtedly true that some definite reward should be held out to prisoners of good behavior whereas it now appears that there is really nothing definite about it.

NOT ANY, THANKS

The American reader who peruses the report of the actions of the new Greek government may be inclined to wonder if the cure is not worse than the disease. Because of fear of a general strike—which would have been a serious ailment, it is true—a dictator was appointed who proclaimed martial law, dissolved the legislative body, postponed elections, and mobolized the workers in essential industries. Papers were apparently suppressed. That is a pretty strong medicine.

The reader is too far from the scene of the disorder to have any idea whether or not the majority of the people favor the feared communists or whether they might be inclined to undergo the pains of the dictatorship rather than embrace the new thought One can only hope that this country will never save to face a choice between one kind of dictatorship or another kind. Neither would be acceptable.

OVER THE TOP

As the returns come in from the south end of the county it is apparent that early estimates of the size of the wheat crop were not exaggerated. There is every indication that the county will harvest as many bushels per acre as it did in the average year of the twenties. There will be fewer bushels in the total because many acres have been plowed up or left out of production because of government programs.

It is probable that farmers of the county received $800,000 for their crop in 1935. If we produce 2,300,000 bushels of wheat this year, as it looks as if we might, and if an average price of 80 cents is obtained for it we will have $1,840,000 with which to line the pockets of the farmers. That is more than twice as much as was brought in last year for the wheat crop. Furthermore it is over $600 per person in the county and in itself, without counting the income from salaries, stock, butter or eggs, is more than the national average of percapita incomes.

It is true that a part of this additional income has been made possible because of the drouth in the mid-west but the major part of it has been made by fortunate rains. Most pleasant thought it that it is being gained by men and women who have persistently stayed with their farms through seven years of poor crops and poor returns.

ENOUGH, ENOUGH

During te Roosevelt administration in the state of New York 176 million dollars more than was collected was spent. In other words dollars at the begining of the term and a deficit of over 96 million dollars at the end of it. Any reference book will acquaint the reader with the fact that the per capita debt of New York state is greater than that of any state in he union, being in excess of $270 for each person.

The national debt is now around $280 per capita which means that each family owes nearly $1300 in federal debt. It is enough.

It is generally presumed that father likes his Christmas presents from members of the family even though his pleasure is dampened with the knowledge that come the first of January he will receive a bill for the doodads. Father may be compared to the tax payer under the present regime.

Two Oklahoma boys were here a short time ago and when asked what was the worst road they encountered on their trip from home reported that the stretch around Shaniko was worst. We have some hopes of remedying that—in time.

Sailors in Portland are said to be having little trouble in finding feminine company. Well, what's the uniform for, anyway?

That new Alberta currency must be something like the script issued by several communities during the midst of the depression. It is good but it must be bought back thru a period of time. It will do, though, when no other form of currency is available.

Somehow it is difficult to think that industrial peace will come from the fight among labor leaders as to the form of union. It comes more and more to look as if the method of organization is merely a smoke screen to hide the real intent, which is, of course, control of the laborers.

Those Portland Beavers are working like beavers of late and are getting someplace, too.

Young Astor, who could find no reason why he should stop in Oregon, is different from his grandfather who found many reasons for stopping here. And undoubtedly some of those reasons paid for the trip of the young Astor.

Mr. Zioncheck exercised the feminine perogative by changing his mind about running for congress. His decision came the same day that editorial writers were congratulating him—and the state of Washington—on his decision not to run for congress.

People's Column

Goldendale, Wash.
July 3, 1936.

Sherman County Journal
Moro, Oregon.
Dear Sirs:

Many thanks for the copy of the Sherman County Journal of July 31.

You have the story of the brown eagle straight.

In 1916 he was found in one of my coyote traps (on the Columbia hills east of Goldendale) held by one claw,

I kept him for a week, but was unable to make friends with that was old even at that time.

He was a magnificient bird, different from any I had ever seen.

Curious to know where he came from and where he was going, I scratched my name and the date on a piece of a gold bracelet, rivited it on his leg with a harness rivet. I'll admit he gave me a tussel.

The last I saw of him he was soaring away toward the Columbia on his way I guess, to Sherman county. It seems he fared pretty well over there in spite of the depression.

Sincerely,
W. J. Young, Route 1.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

(Continued from page one)

wounding of two others, one critically, was the first serious outbreak at the Oregon prison since 1926. During that year convicts staged a riot in the dining room during the evening meal. Guards shooting thru the doors and windows of the room wounded 14 of the rioters. The year before that, on August 12, 1925, two guards and one convict were killed in a daring prison break when four prisoners—Ellsworth Kelly, James Willos, Tom Murray and Bert "Oregon" Jones—shot their way out of the institution. Jones was killed as he dropped from the prison wall.

The riot, staged in protest against the recent reversal of the time honored practice of releasing prisoners at the expiration of their maximum sentence less deduction for "good time" credits has centered attention in the need for a reform in Oregon's parole system. Two circuit judges within the past two months have held that "good time" credits do not operate to automatically release prisoners from the institution but only to speed their eligibility for parole at the hands of the governor. A study of the Oregon parole system has been in progress for several months and Governor Martin has indicated that he will recommend several changes to the next legislature including an increase in the parole staff to permit of better supervision of prisoners who have been released on parole.

That the demonstration was not entirely unexpected by prison officials is indicated by a notice tacked to the prison bulletin board and dated July 2. The bulletin reads: "Guards are to report for duty in uniform. It is hoped drastic action will not be necessary. In case of emergency notify Ward en Lewis." The riot marked the culmination of a long series of minor disturbances dating back to the decision in the case of Earl H. Fehl, former Medford publicher who also lost his fight for a full discharge from the prison on the strength of his good conduct while in the institution.

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Filing the completed petitions for the new "Union" party may be the signal for a friendly suit to find out just what the statute covering this subject means. Secretary of State Snell has let it be known that he will regard petitions bearing the verified signatures of 14,671 bona fide voters as sufficient to satisfy the law's demands. Others, however, insist that it required five percent of the registered voters to bring a new political party into existence in this state, or something more than 24,000 signatures. These base their claim upon the fact that the statute prescribes "five percent of the electors," which they interpret as synonymous with "registered voters." Secretary of State Snell interprets the act as requiring only five percent of the vote cast for Congressional candidates at the last election. His position is supported by both precedent and legal opinion. At the time the law was passed in 1891, Snell points out, there was no registration list and nothing on which to base a computation of the number of voters. Therefore it was necessary to start from some known quantity such as the number of votes cast for candidates for Congress. Furthermore the attorney general's office has, on a number of occasions advised the secretary of state that this latter was the correct interpretation of the statute, the last time in 1922.

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Demand for books on education, language, science, the useful arts, fine arts, literature, history and travel show the greatest increase according to a compilation by Miss Harriett C. Long, state librarian, covering the circulation of books from the mail order departemnt for the biennium of 1934-36 as compared to 1932-34. Circulation of books on the useful arts shows the greatest increase jumping from 17,088 in 1932–34 to 26,034 in 1934-36 an increase of over 50 percent. Circulation of books on fiction, always in greatest demand, jumped from 65,212 to 70,745 an increase of only eight percent. For some unaccountable reason there has been a loss of interest in books of biography with the circulation from the state library slumping from 7,516 to 6,551 as between the two biennial periods. Circulation of all books through the mail order department gained from 191,469 during 1932-34 to 228,637 in 1934-36, an increase of nearly 20 percent.

In Other Days

From the Observer Aug. 10, 1917.

Ben Hockman and Archie Blue left Wednesday morning in answer to a call from army authorities, they have been home for a visit after their enlistment.

Ernest Purcell had his right forearm broken Saturday morning at the C. L. Powell farm when a header box loaded with hay upset on the steep hillside.

Sam Brisbine was the star actor in a runaway Monday afternoon when his single driver buggy horse got away as he finished hitching up and was getting in the buggy. Sam jumped out and the horse and buggy stopped along side a tree in front of C. E. Sheets residence.

Half of the ceiling in the store room of the Moro Trading Co. has been removed and replastered this week., the contract was handled by Wes Rigdon with the help of C. E Bagley, who did the plastering. Mr. Bagley is a former resident of Sherman county, living at Pasco, Wash., and wants to return to this favored section of Oregon.

Jas. Davis, visiting in Sherman county from Mountain View, near LaCenter, Wash., died Saturday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Grant Morgan, south of Monkland.

From the Observer Aug.9, 1907

The DeMoss-Lyric Bards returned from a very successful tour this week, dining the last day with Mrs. and Miss Strahl, in this city.

Mrs. Walter Stanley has returned from her valley trip.

Grandma Ragsdale, son Ray and and daughter, have renewed their residence in Moro.

Wednesday's rain at The Dalles spread over into Sherman county yesterday morning.

Mrs. G. W. Brock left for White Salmon Wednesday. Miss Edyth will remain until after harvest.

S. S. Hayes is busy in his Rutledge harvest, and Master Seth, as the guest of his little friend, Johnny Mowry, is having a good time in Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Huff are keeping house in Moro, and Mr. Huff has improved in health remarkably fast the past two weeks. Mrs. Moore, of Spokane, is with them during the sicknes of her father.

Opportunity Offered To Go To West Point

Congressman Pierce announces that he will hold a designation examination for appointment at the United States Military Academy at West Point on Saturday, October 17, 1936.

The purpose of his examination is to select an appointee for West Point entrance in July, 1937. One principal and two alternates will be chosen from this examination. A further qualifying examination will be held in March, 1937. The designation examination will be conducted by the United Civil Service Commission and will be held in the postoffice buildings. The closing date of receipt of application in Washington is September 30. This necessitates immediate action on the part of applicants, as careful investigation of each applicant must be made.

Because of exacting physical requirements, it is advisable that candidates undergo a thorough physical examination before applying for entrance to the examination.

Candidates must have reached their seventeenth birthday but must not have reached their twenty second birthday, on the date of entrance to the Academy.

Applicants from the Second Congressional District may secure fuller information and list of examination subjects by applying to Congressman Walter M. Pierce, LaGrande.

"How's collections at your church, Brudder Jackson?"

"Well, we ain't nebber had to stop in the middle ob a collection to go an' empty de box."

Son: "What does 'Multum in parvo,' mean, papa?

"Well, that's Latin, Johnny. means much in little, (say like Mama in a bathing suit."

Early Day Wheat Sold On Columbia

Early farmers delivered their wheat at Grants station which meant a haul over a hill road and down the bluff to the river on a dirt grade. In places this descent to the river bottom was very steep and return loads had to be light or a doubling of teams to make the top. Even then the road way led across small canyons that well named it The Hill Road. This was the only way to reach Goldendale where fuel. lumber and flour mill products could be gotten. Bad as this road was, it was preferred to The Dalles roadway over Millers bridge with its steep grade and creek crossings to reach The Dalles. So long as little wheat was marketed the farmers were satisfied with this road. When the larger production of wheat came, farmers began looking for a better roadway to market. This was well known to lie in a roadway down Spanish Hollow.

Mr. Gibson who was located far down in Spanish Hollow led the farmers to the locating of a road down this even grade canyon. However at the mouth of this natural roadway there was no shipping station.

W. H. Biggs about this time had been elected as Representative to the Legislature as was E. O. McCoy elected Senator. Mr. Biggs being one of the county's first farmers and all round enterprising man, not to be bought off by catering to his private interests, carried the confidence of the whole community. At this session Mr. Biggs prepared two bills expressly in the interest of Sherman county. To provide a shipping station when this practical roadway had been built he provided in one bill that any R. R. Co. when a certain amount of freight had been placed on their railway the company must lay track for a siding for loading. This bill was duly presented by Mr McCoy and passed the Senate becoming a law immediately. The other bill offered by Mr. Biggs was a horse of another color to the R. R. Company. This bill was for a portage around the Cascade falls that would open the river to Portland. We acknowledge we did not hear any bargaining, but Mr. McCoy called upon Engineers for estimates of the cost. Just who these engineers were was not told, but their estimate so exceeded the amount of the Biggs bill that when McCoy had amended it the Legislature balked at the appropriation. It probably was just to the order of these engineers who were likely in the employ of the railroad company. Mr McCoy had been a wheat buyer at Grants station and when Biggs station was established transferred his wheat buying to Biggs. He bought most if not all of the wheat shipped from this station. Other buyers appeared but many thought their buying was just a blind. At any rate Mr. McCoy made the assertion that he could beat the price of any other wheat buyer on the Biggs platform, whenever he chose to do so. We farmers could and did guess at the reason why he could better the price of other buyers

Characteristics of men differ. James Woods found one not to his liking.

Prior to the segreagtion of Sherman county from the vast area of Wasco county, farming progressed fast on all counts. W. F. Courtney, a Walla Walla wheat growing resident bought, located and held a vast tract of land reaching from the stage road on the south to the breaks of Spanish Hollow north and east. He seemed supplied with plenty of money and put up some of the best farm buildings yet built in that part, on the extreme south end of his farm where a washout flow of water was plentiful. He promptly announced himself as the "largest producer among farmers." Some parties for this self announced disposition called him "Producerville." He bought machinery, had good teams and set about farming on a large scale. Among his hired help was a young man yet in his teens. This physically able boy was induced to work for a wage less than other farm hands were receiving, being told by his boss he was not equal to a grown man's wages. On settlement his father, James Woods, of Moro, lately deceased, demanded the full wage for his son. This Mr. Courtney refuse to pay and Mr. Woods bought suit to collect. Easily Mr. Woods won in the Justice court. This decision displeased Mr. Courtney and he appealed the case to a higher Court. Mr. Woods easily defeated him again and his headstrong disposition caused him again to appeal the suit, in which he was again defeated. The cost of the suit along with a short crop in the north end put Mr. Courtney in the red and he finally disposed of his holdings: thus ending his "Producerville" era.

The town plat of Wasco is situated in the center of a section. The first plitting was made by Clark Dunlap. The quarter just east located by Bill Armsworthy, where the cistern is located for city water was next to be platted. Where the depot is located was platted by W. H. Biggs from his quarter and last plat was on the McPherson quarter where warehouses were built to receive wheat for railroad shipment.

The first business men were W. M. Barnett, general merchandise and postmaster; Joe Marsh, druggist: E. G. Tosier, blacksmith; Harry Murchie, skating rink; J. B. Florer, shoe shop; and Mr. Armsworthy, father of Bill Armsworthy, hotel and livery stable. As soon as the postoffice grew into a profitable revenue it became a political foot ball and passed over to Harry Murchie. Later as business patronage progressed, other business establishments came in competition especially blacksmith shops.

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

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN STATE OF OREGON.

ORDER APPOINTING DAY FOR HEARING OF FINAL ACCOUNT ETC.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLYDE J. DAVIS. Deceased.

This matter coming on for hearing on the 4th day of August, 1936, upon the Final Report and Account of Neoma E. Smith, administratrix of the above entitled estate, which has been filed herein, and upon application of the said administratrix for an order fixing the time and place for hearing and representing the said Final Account and Report, and for hearing any objections filed thereto:

Now upon motion of Oren R. Richards, Attorney for said administratrix:

IT IS ORDERED, that on the 8th day of Sept., 1936. at 10 o'clock, at the Court rooms of the said County Court of Sherman County, State of Oregon, in the City of Moro in said County and State, be and the same is hereby fixed as the time and place for the hearing of the said Final Report and Account and the petition of the said administratrix of the said estate to be discharged and her Final Account and Report be approved and allowed:

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That a notice of the said time and place as set forth above, be published in the Sherman County Journal, a newspaper of general circulation in Moro, Sherman County, State of Oregon. as often as once a week for four successive weeks prior to the said day of hearing and settlement of said Final Account and Report and petition for discharge and that notice of the same be mailed to the heirs-at-law of the said estate, and that any and all objections which may be made to said Final Account and Report to be filed at or before the said time of hearing.

Done in Open Court this 4th day of August, 1936.

Geo. A. Potter, Judge.

CALL FOR BIDS

To persons living in Dist. 21: The school board will receive sealed bids, up to August 8, 1936 for the transportation of pupils to and from Moro. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Ada Murray, Moro, clerk

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office, at The Dalles, Oregon, July 1, 1936.

NOTICE is hereby given that Etta Houston Morford, widow of Benn Morford, deceased, of Wasco, Oregon, who on June 21, 1930, made homestead entry, act Dec. 29, 1916, No. 027339, for Lots 3. 4, S½ NW¼, W½SW¼, SW¼NE¼, E½SE1-4, Sec. 4 N½N½, SW¼NW¼, NW¼SW¼, Section 22, Township 1. N., Range 19, E., Willamette Meridan, has filed notice of intention to make final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Registrar, United States Land Office, at The Dalles, Oregon. on the 11th day of August, 1936.

Claimant names as witnesses Everett W. McQuillion, of Wasco, Oregon; Chester Silver, of Wasco, Oregon; William R. Reid, of Wasco, Oregon; George Smith, of Blalock, Oregon.

W. F. Jackson,
Register.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

On Saturday, the 29th day of August, 1936, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. at the front door of the Courthouse in Moro. Sherman County, 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:

The North Half, and the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty–three, the Northwest Quarter, the North Half of the Southwest Quarter, the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Twentyfour, the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirteen, all in Tawnship 1 North of Range Eighteen, East of the Willamette Meridian and in Sherman County. State of Oregon,

Together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

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 The Federal Land Bank of Spokane, a corporation, plaintiff, vs. Henry H. White and Cora H. White, husband and wife; Wasco Investment Company, a corporation; Bank of Commerce, a corporation; Mark Skinner as Superintendent of Banks of the State of Oregon; State Industrial Accident Commission; Lester Alluisi, Receiver for The Dalles Garage Company, a corporation, The Dalles Garage Company, a corporation; Sherman County, a municipal corporation; Wasco National Farm Loan Association, a corporation, defendants. 39-43

HUGH CHRISMAN
Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors having claims against the estate of George Hennagin, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed executrix and executor of the last will and testament of George Hennagin, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: July 17, 1936.

Daisy Hennagin
Lloyd L. Henhagin.
Geo. G. Updegraff
Attorney for Estate.
37–38–39 40

Horses-Horses-

The Fair Board wants to know how many Sherman county horse owners want to race their horses at the fair September 3-5.

If you want the fair to be for Sherman county race horses, strictly, notify the board and enter your nags in some of the announced races. Its your fair-enjoy it.

Do It Today

When Your Shoes need repair send them to

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204 Second St. : THE DALLES