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Reiterating his determination to protect Oregon workmen in their right to work regardless of labor affiliations Governor Martin sent State Police to Coquille Friday to preserve law and order in a controversy rising between C. I. O. and A. F. of L. members.

According to the governor a group of 30 C. I. O. members were attempting to interfere with a much larger group of A. F. of L. members employed in a Coquille separator plant. State police were being sent to the scene, he said, only after peace officers had failed to preserve order.

C. I. O. leaders in Portland charged the governor with "showing bias" in favor of A. F. of L. affiliates. Replying to this charge the governor denied that he was showing any favoritism and was not concerned with the jurisdictional fights between the rival labor organizations.

In spite of the fact that President Roosevelt has declared PWA handouts to be at an end the State Board of Control this week filed formal application for \$90,000 in federal funds to help finance a new tuberculosis hospital to be constructed in Multnomah county under authority of an act of the last legislature. Hopes for success of the application hinges largely on the fact that a similar application was filed by the state bank back in 1933 under the old Federal Emergency administration. Plans have been drafted for a 100-bed hospital to cost \$200,000. The legislature appropriated \$110,000 in state funds toward the project.

Three profitable years for the state fair has made it possible to wipe out the bonded debt of \$27,000 inherited by the present administration and put \$50,000 into new buildings. Solon T. White, director of agriculture, told Governor Martin this week. The last of the bonds issued to finance the grand stand at the race track, a block of \$22,500, was called in this week according to White. The only remaining indebtedness of the fair is represented by a loan of \$73,000 from the state's general fund which is to be paid back out of profits of the fair without interest. Bonds for the grand stand were issued in 1929.

School districts in the territory served by the Portland General Electric company will buy their lighting service at a flat rate of two cents per kilowatt hour under a new schedule approved this week by N. G. Wallace, public utilities commissioner. It is estimated the new rate, which becomes effective October 1, will save school districts in PGE territory approximately \$18,000 a year.

Income tax collections in Oregon this year will exceed the five million dollar mark, according to members of the tax commission. Last half payments which are due before October 1 have been coming in better than the commission had expected.

Permits for the burning of brush and slash in Oregon's forested areas will be required until December 31 unless the requirement is waived prior to that date through proclamation of the governor. J. W. Ferguson, state forester, warned this week. Although there have been a few light rains over the state the fire menace is by no means ended, Ferguson said.

A strike of union carpenters which threatened to tie up work on the new nurses home at the eastern Oregon hospital at Pendleton has been amicably settled. It was reported to the board of control. The carpenters objected to the employment of non-union plumbers on the job.

Discontinuance of PWA grants may be fatal to 16 highway projects included in this year's program, according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. The projects represent a total estimated cost of more than \$1,000,000 of which the Public Works administration was to contribute 45 percent.

The feud which has been brewing between Governor Martin and R. N. (Continued on Page two)

Prohibition Play Coming To Moro Wednesday

"Prisoner at the Bar," a dramatic trial for murder, that has been drawing large crowds to churches and schools in Eastern Oregon, during the last week, will be presented at the Community Presbyterian church, Wednesday night, October 6 at 8 p. m. Twenty one prominent local citizens who take part are sharing honors with Hayward H. Johnson of Portland, the defendant.

The trial deals with a young man who is accused of killing his wife while under the influence of liquor. Three motherless children are left. It is the story of the returned soldier influenced by repeal propaganda and trapped by modern liquor sales appeal. Pleading for what he values more than life the prisoner is a pathetic figure. The judge, torn between pity and duty, the attorneys battling brilliantly for the life at stake, all the others intent on their task unfold a heart-grIPPING story.

Assisting in the trial are D. E. Stephens, judge; L. H. Mitchellmore prosecuting attorney; Giles L. French, defense attorney; Priscilla Melzer, prisoner's six year old daughter; R. C. Byers, sheriff; R. G. Cunliff, finger print expert from the police department; Wily W. Knighten, court clerk; Mrs. C. L. Foley, star witness; Joe Truitt, court bailiff.

Summoned for jury duty are: Ve von Miller, S. A. Hall, Harry B. Pinkerton, John DeMoss, Mrs. Margaret Peets, Deway Thompson, George G. Updegraff, Lloyd Hennagin, Mrs. Seral Searcy, W. A. May, Theodore Johnston, John Foss, Mrs. A. W. McLeod.

A freewill offering will be taken although there is no admission charge. According to advance notices the trial has been given in Portland, Chicago, Washington, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Detroit, San Francisco, and Los Angeles as well as many other cities before audiences as high as 3,500 people.

Many Morosites Take Airplane Trips

The airplane that came up from Portland during the fair to offer rides to the natives has been doing a good business since. Besides the group that flew to Bonneville and Portland the day of the president's speech returning Wednesday, another party made up of Mr. and Mrs. Paul May, Mr. and Mrs. Marjorie Douma, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McKean, Signa Woods, Leora Peets Austin Foss, Ferrel Barr, flew to Redmond Wednesday night where they were met by cars to bring them home.

Soil Conserving Practices of Oregon Approved

Every soil conserving and soil building practice recommended by Oregon district and state meetings as needed to make the 1938 agricultural conservation program more effective in this state has been obtained, and will be included in the new docket, reports N. E. Dodd, chairman of the state AAA committee, who, with N. C. Donaldson, secretary, and P. M. Brandt, representing the O. S. C. extension service, took part in the recent conference in Washington, D. C. where the new program was formulated. These conferences were conducted on an extremely democratic basis, Dodd reports, with representatives of every state present, and all being called upon to explain the particular needs of their states. Where requests were found to conform with the principles and scope of the national program they were incorporated, but those that did not meet those requirements were speedily eliminated.

Oregon growers on the whole will be in a position to derive relatively more benefit from the 1938 program than those in almost any other state, Dodd added. Under the previous programs Oregon has made substantial progress in making permanent shifts from soil depleting to soil conserving crops and practices. A recent undercover survey also revealed that Oregon farmers stand well near the top in their understanding of the AAA (Continued on page three)

Library Festival Ready To Open Saturday at Wasco

Entertaining Events Prepared For Visitors At Annual Day For Library; Young Oregonians Returning

The finishing touches are being made on Wasco's Library Festival, and in a few more days this event will be history.

The queens have been elected. Audrey Spencer from the High School. She will be attended by Darlene Rust, Idabel Spencer and June Wilde. Patricia Kaseberg as junior queen, will be attended by Jean Shull. The coronation will take place on the porch of the Hotel Sherman. Mayor Nesbit officiating.

Parade at 1:30

The parade is scheduled for 1:30 and all entrants are to assemble at the school in ample time to be grouped. Awards for the floats from business houses and organizations will be the cups on display in the window of the Wasco Pharmacy. Cash prizes for best individual entrants from pre-school, grade and high school will also be given.

The Young Oregonian Entertainers at 2:30 in the school auditorium will be a special feature. These 35 selected youngsters from Portland under the direction of Ernest Amburn are giving a variety program. The admission will be 25 and 50 cents.

Games Played

The usual street games, hamburg stand, a safe place for children to play and the community dinner at Fraternity Hall by various organizations are features of the afternoon and evening.

Drawings for the candy raffle by the Camp Fire Girls, and the linen lace table cloth being raffled by the Library Board will take place at the dance.

All money raised is used for the maintenance of the Wasco Library.

One Dozen Kids, Two Dozen Calves at P.I.

When county agent LeRoy Wright leaves for Portland Friday morning to attend the Pacific International he will have 12 Sherman county 4-H club boys and girls in his charge and 24 Sherman county beef calves all anxious to contest for first prizes with others from all over the state.

Bob King, Frank Says, Katherine and Clyde Fridley, John Hilderbrand, David and Henry Richelderfer, Claudine Thompson, Carl von Borstel, Donald von Borstel, Jack and Frank von Borstel will make the trip with their stock. In addition to this, eight exhibits of wheat will be shown at the land products exhibition. Many parents will accompany their children to swell the attendance from Sherman county.

Several Local People Go To See President

A number of Sherman countyans made the trip to Bonneville or to Timberline lodge to see and hear the president of the United States make one of his talks to the people of Oregon and swell the crowd of five or six thousand present for the occasion.

County judge George Potter and wife and Mr. and Mrs. George Updegraff had seats close to the rostrum as did George Wilcox and W. F. Jackson of The Dalles. J. C. McKean, member of the committee, could not attend so Truman Strong, Carroll Says and Ralph Brisbane and wives drove to Timberline for the talk there. W. C. Miller and Vernon Miller and wives and W. S. Powell and wife and Orville Hockman and wife were others who saw the presidential party.

Walter May and wife, Clarence Morrison and wife and daughter, Doris and Stanley Coelsh and Vernon Platt went to Bonneville by airplane for the talk and from there to Portland for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Logan attended the County Fair last Sunday.

Fair Financial Statement Not Yet Compiled

While the complete financial report of the county fair board will not be made up for several days because all bills are not yet in the general picture can be obtained from preliminary figures.

The 1936 fair left a balance of \$600 in the treasury, the county budget committee appropriated \$1500 for fair purposes, \$100 of which was to be used to support a booth at the Pacific International, racing and millage brought in a total of \$1080 which included the largest returns from racing ever received, the carnival brought in \$186, the gate receipts were \$1935 and stall fees and ground concessions accounted for about \$400 more.

Expense Listed

On the expense side of the ledger will be found \$1610 for premiums, around \$1800 for the program, \$450 for the caretaker, about \$750 for the new bleacher and judges stand and the minor expenses of the fair including feed for the stock, help, advertising, ribbons, judges, band etc. It is probable that a few hundred dollars will be left in the treasury when the books are balanced from information now available.

Cox Harvests Steady

Fred Cox of Grass Valley finished harvesting a few days ago and recalled that it was his 34th harvest season. He has harvested every year he has been in the county, not missing a single one. Neither has he missed a day of harvest either from sickness or injury. Its already quite a record to shoot at and Fred looks able to make it still longer.

Thompsons Leaving

Hans Thompson, who has farmed in Sherman county for so many years that few can remember when he first settled here, is leaving Friday for Multnomah where he and Mrs. Thompson will make their home. Their son, Harvey, will farm the home place at Fairview. Friends and neighbors surprised them Wednesday night at their home and spent the evening playing cards and bidding the popular couple good bye.

Bank Party To See Exposition and Portland

Selected as the outstanding 4-H Club boy and girl in Sherman county by a local judging committee. Reatha Says of Moro and Donald von Borstel, Grass Valley, will go to Portland next week as guests of The First National Bank of Portland for three days during the International Livestock Exposition. They were declared winners from this county in the second annual 4-H Club Achievement and Leadership contest sponsored by the Portland institution among 19,000 club members in Oregon.

Two winners from each county in the state are being announced this week through H. C. Seymour, State Club Director, in charge of judging and awards. The 72 county winners, together with two from the City of Portland, will convene in Portland October 4, 5 and 6th. Reatha Says, member of Moro 4-H Club, directed by Mrs. Carroll Says, was announced winner among girls.

In recognition of his activity Donald von Borstel was chosen from among boys of this county. He is a member of Kent 4-H Club, of which LeRoy C. Wright is leader. Awards include transportation and all other expenses during the Portland visit which is being arranged by Walter H. Brown, assistant Vice President. Miss Bertha Singer of the bank staff will act as chaperon with Mr. Brown. The 74 guests will follow a three-day program including attendance at the Pacific International Exposition, sight-seeing tours of Portland, an evening at the Horse Show special banquets and a dance.

Mr. Hennagin, manager of the Sherman County branch of The First National Bank of Portland, states that every detail of the visit has been arranged by the bank to insure complete comfort and safety of its 4-H guests.

Premiums Won By Exhibitors Of Stock

Display of Livestock Proves Again Superiority of Sherman County As Stock District; Remounts Increase

The exhibits of livestock at the county fair were larger than for several years past as several new exhibitors brought stock and old exhibitors were on hand as usual. There is always something of a surprise to the fair visitor when he first sees the line up of good horses annually shown. Knowing that horses are but little used in farm work the visitor naturally presumes that there are no horses left. A few hours at the fair completely dispels any such notion.

Winners this year were T. M. Rolfe who had the largest exhibit of Percherons, Don Cox, who had the senior stallion, Frank von Borstel, Claud Thompson and Floyd Platt, in the Belgian class T. H. Fraser and sons took home most of the ribbons with their entries although Medler and Macnab, and Wm. Roos also placed some winners.

Draft Stock Good

T. M. Rolfe's Senator Diplomat, bought last fall from the Reese Brown herd at Toppenish, after winning junior champion at the International, was chosen by A. W. Oliver, judge, as grand champion of his breed. Frank von Borstel's stallion placed second. Rolfe also one first in the other Percheron classes.

Fraser's Silver Fencer, the two year old roan, that takes the eyes of all Belgian fanciers was named as grand champion of that breed. He has improved in size and developed well since he was brought to the county from Iowa a year ago in August. Fraser's Range Ruler and Medler & Macnab's Michael were winners of other places. Wm. Roos placed with a young stallion and the remaining Belgian classes were won by the Fraser entries.

The draft mare class was a large one and was only decided after a long period of comparing by the judge. Frank Says won first, W. C. Helyer second and Emma Jean Eakin, third. In the draft gelding class Mrs. Daisy Hennagin was first, Floyd Platt second and third. For mares under four Medler placed first and Platt second. Donald Macnab won first and Leland Medler second on draft animals under three. In the yearling class Lester Barnum won first, Platt second and Medler third and the best draft sucking colt owned by Glen King with Frank Burnet second and Clarence Sparling third. There were many good entries in this class also.

Big Teams Shown

T. M. Rolfe carried the team division winning first and third in the two horse team class and first in the four and six horse team class. Helyer was second with his two horse team and Helyer and Platt were respectively second and third in the four and six horse team classes. Grade remounts classes were fuller than usual and the classes were well divided between the many entries. Powell was first with a purebred remount over three with Helyer second and third. Helyer and Macnab placed in the under three class and Claudine Thompson, Frank LeMaster, Frank Burnet and Dell Olds took prizes in the younger remount classes.

Jess Landry's black horse again won the ladies and gentlemen's saddle horse class with Helen Morrison's second and Marcus Estlinger's third. W. C. Helyer was adjudged to have the best stock saddle horse, Dell Wright, second and Durward Helyer third.

Beef Cattle Interest

Glen King, and Frank Says won first and second on Hereford bulls and Bob King placed his white faces first in the other divisions. The short horn class was more divided with Fraser having the best aged bull, Millard Eakin the best bull under three years and John Jenkins, school teacher at Rufus, displayed some of his shorthorns successfully, getting prizes on bull calf, heifer calf and heifer under two years.

T. M. Rolfe and George DeMoss (Continued on Page two)

City Officials Seeing Plans Bear Fruit

Before the week is out city officials expect to achieve the first definite step in their program for refinancing the city of Moro. The entire plan is for retiring the auditorium bonds and refunding the water, refunding the street intersection issues at a lower rate of interest. The program will cut the total city debt in half and lower interest from six to four percent on the remainder.

Settlement will prevent possible suits over the doubtful legality of the auditorium bonds and make it possible for the tangled financial structure of the city to be cleared so that repayment of properly incurred indebtedness can begin.

Scoutmasters Attend District Meeting

Scout master Clyde Gilmor and L. H. Mitchellmore of Boy Scout troop 360 attended the monthly district meeting of The Dalles district committee at The Dalles, Tuesday night. Paul McCulloch, supt. of schools, acted as chairman. It was announced that the Moro troop led the eight units of the district during July with a perfect score of 100%. In August it was second, with 94%, giving way to the Goldendale, Washington, troop which had a perfect rating. The first fall court of honor was postponed until October 27, and a district outdoor rally was planned for some date early in November. Plans were completed for the annual financial drive to begin next week in The Dalles.

Pacific International Exhibit Arranged

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bull have been hired by the fair board to handle the booth at the Pacific International and they will leave Friday to decorate and open the display. Some pamphlets will be distributed to give brief information about the county and its resources and some of the county's products will be shown. Cost will come from the \$100 given by the International for such booths and the \$100 the fair board appropriated for the purpose.

Prices Trend Downward Lately

Seasonal influences and good crop prospects have produced some downward trend in the general level of farm prices during the past two months, although consumer purchasing power has been fairly well maintained according to a review of the agricultural situation just published by the Oregon Agricultural Extension service at Corvallis.

With United States farm prices at mid-August averaging 123 per cent of the 1926-1930 level, or 87 per cent of the 1926-1930 average, the index was two points lower than in July and one point lower than August 1936. The farm cost index, however, at 132, was six points higher than a year previous, placing the farm commodity purchasing power index at 93 which is equal to the 1926-30 average, but six points under August 1936.

The report says that general crop prospects declined less than one per cent during August, the moderate drop in corn, wheat and hay estimates being nearly offset by slightly improved prospects for apples, dried prunes, walnuts, pecans, potatoes, hops, beans and rice. Clover seed prospects are much below last year and far below average.

E. B. FITTS DIES

Edward B. Fitts, who died in Pennsylvania this week, was formerly a professor at Oregon State college and was the father of Grace Fitts who taught in the Moro schools in the early twenties.

TENNIS FANS WANTED

Moro young people interested in building a cement tennis court on the Presbyterian church property have been visiting friends in an effort to raise sufficient funds. About \$60 more is needed, according to those in charge. Carl Peets is finance chairman.

Fair Program Gives Thrills To Big Crowds

Three Days Of Program Watched By Many People From Other Counties; Good Weather Aid Gate Receipts

With probably the finest weather for a county fair that has been experienced for many years and with crowds that broke all recent records the three days of the 1937 Sherman County Fair were acclaimed very successful.

For the first time, entries to the horse races were confined to horses owned within the county which gave opportunity for the two year and older remount horses to show their stuff. Partially because the horses are all from the same stock a great majority of the races were closely contested and several races were decided by inches.

Bucking was better than in former years as a professional string of buckers was brought to the county. Mack Barber's outfit consisted of some of the best known buckers in the northwest and the riders had a hard time to stay with them the required ten seconds without locking their spurs in the cinch.

Race Results Given

Results of the first days races: Boys and Girls Pony race, Emma Jean Eakin first; Frank LeMaster, second, time 29 1/2.

Quarter mile saddle horse race, Tex, W. C. Helyer, first; Ginger, Roy Barnett, second; Fuzzy, Durward Helyer, third.

Half mile saddle horse race Prince Rupert, W. C. Helyer, first; Sago Lily, Roy Powell, second; Silver Sarko, Art Barnum, third, time 51.

Three eighths saddle horse race, Lady Red Wing, Art Barnum, first; Lady, Bob King, second; Cactus Jack, Art Barnum, third, time 38 1/2. Peter Quick Futurity, half mile, Kentucky Belle, Bob King, first; Chilli Beans, Robert Helyer, second; Queen Marie, W. C. Helyer, third, time 56.

Newton Wins Chariot Race

The chariot race was won each day by Ed Newton with Roy Barnett second and W. C. Helyer third. The Newton team was plainly in better condition than the others but the race was close each day.

Saturday the boys and girls pony race was won by Frank LeMaster over Emma Jean Eakin in 28 seconds. The quarter mile saddle horse race was won by Ginger, Roy Barnett; Tex, W. C. Helyer, second; Fuzzy, Helyer, third, time 26 1/2.

Silver Sarko, Barnum, took first in the half mile saddle horse race, with Kentucky Belle, King, second; and Chilli Beans, third, time 51 1/2.

The three eighths saddle horse race was won by Sago Lily, Powell with Cactus Jack, Barnum, second and Queen Marie, Helyer, third, time 36 1/2.

Two Horses Thrown

Sherman County Derby, half mile, had the same entrants as did the Peter Quick Futurity race last year. All three year olds this fair and all half brothers and sisters they made a pretty race until a mix-up on the turn coming into the straight-away caused Piddler, Newton's entry, to fall throwing Jockey Alsop onto the track. Durward Helyer's Sir Kent, fell over Newton's horse with Elliott, Bob King's Lady was thrown off stride and did not regain distance in the stretch. Prince Rupert, W. C. Helyer's entry, was cut in the tendon and injured so severely he could not be raced for the remainder of the meet. Lady Redwing, Barnum, was first, Prince Rupert, second and Quicksilver, Barnum, third, time 52 1/2.

The quarter mile saddle horse race on Sunday was marred by a bad start that brought Medler's Snip and Helyer's Tex around the track. When all were started Ginger won again, with Fuzzy, second and Snip, third, time 26 1/2. In the Sherman County Derby consolation Lady, King, placed first, Sir Kent, Helyer, second and Piddler, Newton, third, time 54.

The half mile saddle horse race was won by Quicksilver, Barnum, Kentucky Belle, King, second. The other entries failed to start because of the second starting mix-up of the afternoon.

The three eighths race was won (Continued on page four)