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MILK CONTROL

A gentleman who said he was from the milk control board dropped into town last week to give some advice to local dairymen. The result has been to increase the price of milk in the Moro vicinity by 20% or from 10 cents to twelve cents.

Further result has been, as it has been heretofore, to seriously curtail the sale of milk as customers feel that there is no justification for the increase in the price of milk at a time when other food stuffs are not raising and feeds are not increasing in price.

There is an express provision in the Oregon law permitting exemption from the dealer licensing provision of markets under 15,000 which surely makes it possible to exempt this district.

Section 41-2021, Oregon code says: "The board shall ascertain, as far as feasible, what prices for milk in the several localities and markets of the state will best protect the milk industry and insure a sufficient quantity of pure and wholesome milk in the public interest. The board shall take into consideration all conditions affecting the price necessary to produce a reasonable return to the producer and to the milk dealer."

The section further provides that the board shall make investigation and before making or revising and amending shall give notice to interested parties and the public generally of the time and place of hearing thereon.

According to information given to members of the last legislature when the amendments to the milk control act were before the house, the producers in the Portland area received around seven cents for their milk per quart and the distributors the remainder. Exact figures are 60.58% for the producers and 39.42% for the distributors.

In this county the producers and the distributors are one and the same and the price has been ten cents delivered for many years. Producers are unanimous in the opinion that there is a profit in milk at this price which means that the purpose of the law—which is to give producers a profit—is being fulfilled here without raising the price.

It is not a proper function of a state board to increase the price when such an increase is not desired by either producer or consumer and when an increase will benefit neither.

We suggest to the milk board, if a private citizen may be so bold as to suggest, that it confine its activities to districts where there is demand for its services and justifiable work it can perform and leave the smaller places, where the law of supply and demand is still in operation, to work out their own salvation.

STOCK SALE

The proposed sale of Sherman county livestock at public auction may become an institution of considerable value to the county if carried on in a business like fashion so as to assure those who come to buy of satisfaction with their investments.

First requisite, of course, will be to sell stock for just what it is. This means as to age, blemishes, habits of work or gentleness and for records of cattle. This is in some respects contrary to the usual rule of horse trading in which business the rule of "let the buyer beware" has lasted longer than most.

When buyers of stock become satisfied that they can find at a Sherman county sale the kind and quality of horses they want at market price and that the horses or cattle are exactly as represented there should be no trouble about having a crowd at each sale.

STRIKE UP THE BAND

It is a rule of the amusement business that when something goes wrong to signal the band leader to

strikes up a lively tune to take the minds of the spectators from the lack of progress of the entertainment and the breakdown of the show.

There is evidence aplenty that the president is familiar with this rule for since his speech on quarantining warring nations last fall when the nation was angrily discussing the appointment of Black to the supreme court, there has been a succession of political band music such as has seldom come from Washington.

Most recent is the hub-bub about business conferences with big business men who universally have their pictures taken for the papers on leaving the White House, and with little business men who have their pictures taken and their arguments reported. It takes up newspaper space and takes the mind of the public from the recent Roosevelt depression that is swelling relief rolls in every city of the land.

Perhaps it has its results and serves to calm the audience. Anyway it has been tried in many a circus when the acrobat broke his leg, the elephant broke loose or the tent caught fire.

FARM BILL

A farm bill is being crowded through congress these days with all the haste a determined majority can muster. It is a bill rewritten from bills passed by the house and the senate earlier in the winter. Neither of these were satisfactory to anyone, including their sponsors. What is in this bill is not known, and the charge has been made on the poor of the house that members themselves do not know what it is in.

Since the report of the conference committee no time has been given for the general public to learn about the contents of the bill. The plan is to pass it and then start amending it. Reason given is that some thing must be done and the mistakes can be corrected later.

It has seemed to this newspaper that the farm situation was of sufficient importance to justify a thorough study and adequate debate so that all congressmen and the public could understand the measure. The present bill will affect, directly or indirectly, all of the people of the nation and especially will it affect the third who are engaged in agriculture. It hardly rates as good government to hasten the passage of such legislation.

It will be a means of bettering conditions of the laboring man, the public, the farmer and industry if racketeering is taken from the labor movement. It is still too early to pronounce the men who have been arrested, as guilty, but it is not too early to hope that the police have arrested the real bombers, beat-up squads and those who have disgraced the labor movement.

THE MEDLER FAMILY

One of the largest of the family groups settling and remaining in Sherman county is the Medler family, descendants of two brothers, John and Bruno Medler, both of whom were born in Magdeburg, Germany in 1837 and 1839 respectively and who came to America with their parents when small boys.

Their father was a mechanic and jeweler and when the boys became of the age to work they were apprenticed to a jeweler in New York City, but not used to the confinement they left and went to West Virginia where they took up farming. They came to Walla Walla in 1876 joining a half brother Julius Wisniek who had moved west earlier.

They remained there four years when they came to Sherman county to take up land bringing their families the following year. Wisniek also moved here and farmed and conducted a business at Grants until his death.

Bruno is credited with owning the first header and threshing rig in the county and cutting the entire crop north of Gordon ridge in 1881 when the first crop of any importance was harvested here.

John, the elder, was married to Eliza Hull, who with two children was burned to death at Walla Walla. He later married Mrs. Nancy Ornduff. Sherman county land is still in possession of many of his children, Frank, Gally and Ernest's family.

Bruno, father of nine, married Minerva McLavey in West Virginia. Julius lives on the home place, Walter farms east of Wasco and Mrs. Ida Woolen lives a major part of the time in Portland. Fred Medler, also of Portland, Mrs. E. E. Barnum in Moro and Mrs. C. W. Johnson, east of Wasco. One son, Albert, and two daughters being dead.

John was one of the first county commissioners for Sherman county and Bruno was county commissioner of Wasco before Sherman county was set apart. Both engaged in business in Wasco in their later years and each of them owned large farms at the time of their death.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

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controversies between an employer and his employees over wages, hours and working conditions. Jurisdictional disputes between rival labor organizations such as that which has paralyzed the Portland lumber industry the past six months would not be classified as a labor dispute. Picketing would be prohibited except at places where a bona fide labor dispute existed and courts would be authorized to enjoin illegal picketing. Boycotts, either direct or indirect, would also be prohibited, except in the case of a bona fide labor dispute.

While the measure made its appearance under the sponsorship of a group of Jackson county farmers, fruit growers and Grangers it is understood to have the support of similar organizations in other parts of the state.

Reports from Washington D. C. to the effect that the Interior Department is preparing to issue long term leases on the public domain to Klamath county stockmen has caused considerable uneasiness on the part of State Land Board officials. Fear is felt that this reversal of the department's policy may endanger the state's land blocking program which has been under consideration by the Board for the past two years. On a recent visit to Oregon F. R. Carpenter, federal grazing director, assured the Land Board that there was no need for haste in its proposal to block state school lands into larger areas for grazing purposes. Carpenter explained that the Interior department was making no long term leases which would in any wise interfere with the program. Land Board officials are unable to reconcile Carpenter's assurances with the new policy of the Interior Department.

The State Highway Department spent \$670,000 more than it took in during 1937, according to an annual report by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. The excess expenditure was taken care of through a carry over from the 1936 budget. Highway revenues for the year totaled \$19,056,350.32 with gasoline taxes supplying \$9,720,984.83 of this amount. Next largest source of income was Uncle Sam who contributed \$4,589,894.89 toward the state program. New construction, including right-of-way and surveys cost a total of \$8,816,961. Highway maintenance accounted for the expenditure of \$3,945,269.62 and bond maturities and interest took another \$3,784,228.06. Construction work completed during the year included 26 miles of concrete paving, 30 miles of bituminous paving, 215 miles of bituminous macadam, 215 miles of oil surfacing, 197 miles of rock surfacing, 149 miles of grading, 23 bridges and eight grade separations.

More than 1100 books were shipped out of the state library to borrowers all over the state each day during January, according to Miss Harriet Long, librarian. The month's mail order shipments totaled 28,244 volumes in 5,168 separate packages.

Construction of a ten story office building on the Mulkey property at Third and Morrison street, Portland, for use as a state office building is proposed by W. C. Knighton, Portland architect. The building, according to Knighton, could be constructed at a cost of \$481,000. The state already owns the site. Members of the Board of Control said the proposed building would not be large enough to meet the state's needs in Portland.

History of Ship Told By Martin

Events that held the attention of the entire world and occupied column after column of front page newspaper space as the Battleship Oregon was racing from the Pacific to the Atlantic at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, were recounted by Governor Martin Monday night as he launched his pet campaign to berth the historic battleship in a permanent memorial park in Portland Harbor at a kick-off meeting in the State Metropolis.

"The Battleship Oregon is not a monument to war and its destruction," said the Governor. "She is a monument to the living principles upon which this nation is founded and upon which the American people have grown great, and a testimony to the fact that we still believe these principles are worthy of preservation by fighting if necessary."

Every school child in Oregon is to have part in the campaign, it was announced by Rex Putnam, Superintendent of Public Instruction. Fund raising committees appointed by the Governor are at work throughout the State. E. C. Sammons, Campaign Chairman announced.

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In Other Days

From the Observer Feb. 10, 1899 - Miss Helen Lytle who has been attending school in The Dalles this winter returned home on Sunday evenings train.

M. L. Smith started for his old home in California last week. He will remain some time visiting relatives and friends. From Wasco, Dr. Olyy Hartley moved to Moro last week, notwithstanding our local. We are sorry to lose her, but our loss will be your gain.

C. C. Long, one of the substantial farmers of this vicinity, will return with his bride from Arizona; married in Phoenix January 22nd, to Mrs. M. Clausen.

The rain of Wednesday raised the water in Grass Valley canyon so that it was dangerous fording the river.

From the Observer Feb. 12, 1909

Canton Sherman, No. 8, Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., was instituted at Grass Valley, November 25th, by Col. Wm. Crowhurst of Seattle. From the fact that most of the members came from Moro where it will meet hereafter on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month. The officers for the current year are: Wm. Rudolf captain; M. E. Taylor lieutenant; L. W. Baker, sergeant; I. D. Pike clerk; C. D. Watkins accountant; W. S. McCoy standard bearer; J. F. Foss guard; G. A. Sayrs sentinel; G. E. James picket.

That was a very pretty wedding at the home of Captain and Mrs. W. Stanley Tuesday evening at 7:30 when Rev. Perry Chandler pronounced Miss Lillian Stanley and Mr. Fred W. Rose man and wife. The couple will make their home at Hood River.

Chronicle: John Kelley and Miss Edna Elcock were married in this city at the home of C. P. Johannsen Saturday night, Justice J. A. Douthitt officiating. Both bride and groom are residents of Moro.

From the Observer Feb. 14, 1919

Henry Hollenbeck and wife, from Iowa, are visitors in Moro this week. Mrs. Hollenbeck is an aunt of Mrs. O. L. Belshe and Mrs. T. C. Lee. The party left their home last June and have been visiting with relatives in different sections of the West since that time.

The roads of the county are beginning to assume their annual spring condition. Mrs. A. R. Kessinger, who was in Moro Tuesday from her Hay Canyon farm, said that two-foot-deep ruts were becoming quite common between there and Moro. Mrs. Wm. Morrison suffered a severe paralytic stroke last Saturday morning shortly after building a fire in the kitchen stove.

L. V. Moore and daughter Cecile have extended their journey to include the eastern states, last week being in the Mardi Gras city of New Orleans.

Superintendents of Schools To Meet

The third annual City School Superintendent's Conference under the point auspices of the Department of the Oregon State Teachers Association and the State Department of Education will be held in Salem on February 11 and 12, according to an announcement by Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction. Arnold L. Gralapp, superintendent of the La Grande public schools as president of the Department of Superintendents of the Oregon State Teachers Association, will preside at this conference. Burton W. Dunn, superintendent of schools at Coquille, is secretary. Important committee reports will be given on the following subjects: The Six Year High Schools in Oregon; Custodial Administration; Finding, Training and Placement of Teachers; and School Revenue. It is expected that approximately 150 superintendents and principals will be in attendance at this meeting.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Frank von Borstel and Amandus von Borstel, administrators of the estate of Carsten von Borstel, deceased, have filed their petition for distribution, determination of heirs, determination of inheritance tax, and final account on said estate, and that Monday, the 7th day of March, 1938, at the hour of 10:00 a. m., in the County Court Room in the County Court House in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said petition, final accounting and settlement of said estate.

FRANK von BORSTEL AMANDUS von BORSTEL Administrators Brown & Van Vactor, Attorneys

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Saluting "All-American" Cake—Largest in World



J. Frank Grimes, president of the Independent Grocers Alliance of America puts the finishing touches on famous "All-American" cake while little Jackie Banning and her fair assistants assist at Baking Products Marketing Conference held in Hotel Knickerbocker, Chicago. The cake, weighing more than a ton, was baked state by state from a recipe chosen by 1,500,000 housewives in IGA stores throughout the country as America's favorite.

Hi-Ways to Health by ADA R-MAYNE OREGON DAIRY COUNCIL

A VALENTINE COURT

"The Queen of Hearts" - she made some tarts" . . . and the Mother Goose rhyme becomes a motif for a party. It's February, the party month, and a party there will be - in a "Queen's Court." For either children or adults the idea is romantic. The decorations require the kindly cooperation of the neighborhood grocer. He lends yards of wrapping paper. It is folded and refolded over and then cut out (but with a large pair of paper scissors) to resemble a background of an old-fashioned Valentine. These are hung in large and small wall space. Red paper hearts are then cut in all sizes and suspended by string from ceiling attachments or pasted in attractive locations. One center set hanging from lights may conceal names of partners for the refreshment time. Pussy willow stems are also hung with many hearts according to their length used for center piece or for corner decorations.

With decorations settled, games are given worthy consideration. The Game of Hearts will please adults and simpler hearts such as puzzles, pinning the cupid's arrow, a heart scavenger's hunt, and others, will delight children. They are all successful and fun because they are well planned.

But on - The Queen's dessert - layer's, of course, a tempting heart-layer salad of clear jello and a creamy effect served with tiny heart shaped tangy cheese biscuits, and for adults, coffee just touched

A gift of \$25,000 was made by Alfred P. Sloan this month to be used in granting scholarships to city and state police officers and engineers, who will be enabled to study for one year in special departments at Northwestern and Harvard universities. Twenty awards will be made to men in the cities and states winning the various divisions of the National Safety Council's traffic safety contest for 1937.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M

Moro, Oregon Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Roy Powell, W. M. C. V. Belknap, Secy

Wawa Lodge No. 113, I. O. O. F.

Moro, Oregon Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I.O.O.F. hall. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us. Lewis McKee, N. G. Joe Truit, Secy

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116

Moro, Oregon Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Belle Conlee, N. G. Naomi Van Gilder, Sec.

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78, O. E. S.

Moro, Oregon Meets Every Second Fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting members invited. Kerrone Christianson W. M. Ruth Sparling, Secretary.

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