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Fraser String Wins Ribbons At Gresham

Tom Fraser, who took his string of Belgians to the Multnomah county fair at Gresham left with a number of prizes. His stock won first for aged stallion, first and second for two old stallions, second for stallion under one year, senior and grand champion Belgian stallion, first and second for aged mare, first and second for three year old mare, second for two year old mare, first for filly under one year, senior and junior champion mare, first for get of sire, second for produce of dam. Competition from other breeders was keen.

Norval Martin's percheron team was given first in the six horse team driving contest, Fraser second and Helyer third. After showing this week at the Clackamas county fair at Canby, Fraser will move to the state fair at Salem before returning to the Sherman county fair.

Judging Team Going To Fair

Next Saturday County Agent Wright will leave for the state fair accompanied by the county 4-H club livestock judging team made up of Jack and Frank von Borstel and Jerry Wilson. Several samples of Sherman county wheat will also be taken to the fair by the agent and entered under the names of the owners. He will not return until the fair ends the tenth of September.

Spotted Fever Attacks Capitol Residents

Washington, D. C., August 31. (Special)—An interpretive bulletin issued by the wage-hours administration announces that the classification as "agriculture" has been given poultry raising, bee raising, fur farming, livestock raising, and dairyng. Under the law agriculture is exempt from the provisions of the wage-hour act, therefore individuals engaged in the activities enumerated do not have to comply with the minimum wage and maximum hour requirements.

South Santiam Road Dedication Due

Sweet Home (Special)—The committee in charge of the formal opening of the South Santiam Highway slated for September 3 and 4 at Lost Prairie midway between here and Sisters is making elaborate plans to care for the many thousands of holiday visitors expected.

A two day program, sponsored by the Sweet Home Chamber of Commerce, has been planned with dictionary ceremonies scheduled for Labor Day. Henry F. Cabell, chairman for the Oregon State Highway Commission, will represent Governor Charles L. Sprague as the speaker for the dedication. Invitations have been sent to Honorable Charles L. McNary, U. S. Senator and Honorable James W. Mott U. S. Representative to speak. Other speakers will include representatives of the State Highway Commission, heads of state departments, U. S. Forest Service and Bureau of Public Roads.

EARLY DAY LIARS EQUAL MODERNS

Telo, half Mexican and half American, who was quite a character on the Peter French ranch in Harney county, challenged Paul Bunyan's fame with this one. One day riding his powerful Palomino horse he encountered a Basque family whose wagon and horses were mired in deep mud. Telo offered to help. Attaching a long rope to the wagon and one end to the mane of his horse, he began pulling. "Pally," he says, pulled and pulled and pulled and at last pulled himself clear out of his skin from the mane backwards. Telo could not get the skin back on so he took some good sheep pelts and covered the horse completely. The next spring Telo sheared 500 pounds of good sheep wool from the horse and sold it at top prices. "And if Peter French were here," concluded Telo, "I'd prove it." —Historical Survey, WPA.

Fun at the San Francisco Fair



All set for the start of a race in the swan boats on the Lake of Nations at the Golden Gate International Exposition are these youngsters. At top speed they will cut through the water at a breath-taking six miles an hour. In the background may be seen the oriental tower rising above the Japan pavilion, on the shore of the Lake of Nations.

Oregon Reduces Debt To \$17,879,234

Oregon owed the world \$40,418,085 in bonded debt as of July 1 of this year, it is shown by a bulletin summary of the state debt, issued by Oregon Business & Investors Inc., the state taxpayers organization.

The net bonded debt of Oregon was \$17,879,234, provided all credit assets work out. Every man, woman, and child in the state, who numbered 1,032,000 by U. S. Census estimate as of January 1, 1938, owed \$99.16 of bonds.

On the total present outstanding debt, the people of Oregon will pay \$21,283,977 in interest up to maturity of the last state bond in 1969. The total per capita debt and interest, to maturity of the bonds, is \$59.78.

Oregon has four principal bond issues outstanding. They are, according to the Oregon Business & Investors Inc. summary, the farm credit bonds, district interest bonds, state highway bonds and the veterans' state aid bonds.

Of those four bond issues, only one, the district interest bonds, are now being paid solely by taxes levied upon property. The 1939 legislature, for example, the bulletin points out, appropriated \$369,871 of general tax money to pay principal and interest on these district interest bonds up to June 30, 1941.

"District interest bonds" it is pointed out, are general obligation bonds sold by the state years ago to raise money with which to pay the interest on irrigation district bonds, which interest was guaranteed by the state for five years.

The bonded debt of Oregon is now being reduced by about \$3,500,000 a year. "There is nothing on the financial horizon to worry about, so far as new state bonded debt is concerned," the discussion states, "except what the PUDs may do five or ten years from now." The possibility that people's utility districts may ask that the general public assume the PUD revenue bonds, in event PUDs cannot reduce rates and also retire their bonds, is discussed.

LIBRARY BOOKS BOUGHT

A number of new books have been added to the city library by purchase by the book committee. Among them are "Grapes of Wrath" by Steinbeck; Byrd's "Alone"; two Temples Bailey books, "Echanted Ground" and "Silver Slippers" and other popular works by authors who have pleased local readers.

LeRoy Wright, Glen King and Luther Davis drove to LaGrande last week.

Finalists In Tennis Contest To Play Sunday

The final game in the men's tennis tournament will be played Sunday afternoon between Dean Pinkerton and Bobbie Gillmor who advanced to the chosen positions in games played Thursday morning. Gillmor at that time defeated Elmes 6-3, 6-1 and immediately won from Dewey Thompson 6-4, 6-1. Pinkerton has drawn two byes which enabled him to advance to the finals with two played games.

The drawing for the mixed doubles will be held at the bank Saturday morning and all those who wish to sign up for the contest are asked to come to the bank that morning. After the drawn contests are played, picked doubles may challenge the winners.

The women's contest has advanced slowly during the week only four contests having been played. Mrs. Henderson, Louise Barzee, Betty Powell and Gertrude Gillmor have advanced to the second round.

State Fair Opens On Labor Day

Gates at the fairgrounds in Salem will swing open Monday morning on the 78th Oregon state fair, and for a full week thousands of people will enjoy the finest array of exhibits and entertainment against the colorful background of fair days.

Final entries will arrive on the grounds Sunday afternoon, but the exhibits on hand already show that this fair will be a truly representative "show window of our state."

Livestock entries, which will include two horse leads from Sherman county, are exceptionally large and include a number of herds, especially of cattle and swine, from other states. The huge new stock barn, nearly one-seventh of a mile long, will be filled to capacity. Several herds from other states are making the Oregon state fair while enroute to the national dairy show on Treasure Island.

Entertainment features for the fair are extraordinary this year, and include San Francisco Sheriff's Mounted Posse, the special attraction for the night horse show: the 1:30 o'clock afternoon pari-mutuel racing program with more than 2-hundred bangtails and harness horses on hand for this meet; and the second big nightly program, the All American revue; not to mention a variety of free attractions on the grounds each day.

Eddie Peabody, the banjo king of America, and Zoe Dell Lantis, dancer and glamorous theme girl of the San Francisco exposition, will be star performers on the revue, which includes also a wide variety of high class acts.

New Feature Added To Fair Program

Bartlett's Donkey Football To Be Given Saturday Night of Fair Week

Entertainment features for the county fair are gradually being added and it is now certain that those who attend will find something instructive or amusing during the entire three days with, of course, a few hours out each night for needed recuperation.

Latest attraction on the program is the Bartlett donkeys which formerly appeared as vehicles for baseball players. Now they come in the role of football players and spectators are assured of seeing an early season game that will have all the thrills of a mid-season grid contest.

Clubs to Battle

Filled as a donkey football game between the Wasco Civic Club and the Moro Breakfast club the game will take place Saturday night on the arena across the track from the grandstand, which, incidentally, has been cleared of judging stand and other impediments to clear sight.

The teams are composed of six men and six donkeys each—bright shifts will enable the spectators to distinguish—and the game is said to make a livelier evening's entertainment than did donkey baseball. The show at Moro will be the first given in Oregon says Mr. Bartlett who has been east of the Rocky mountains since developing the game.

Contestants will not be limited to members of the two clubs for any one in the county can get in by applying to the secretaries of the clubs or LeRoy Wright, fair secretary.

Horses Plentiful

Seven Peter Quick colts have made entry for the futurity race which assures enough starting horses for this annual event. Despite the fact that the Art Barnum string of bangtails will not be entered this year, horses will be available for all posted races, say those in charge.

Walther-Williams has offered \$25 to make up the prize money on one race at the fair and it will go to the Sherman county handicap which is run the final day of the fair.

J. B. Elmes, soil conservation administrator in the county, will present a cup to the 4-H club member in the county who is outstanding, who exhibits at the fair, who wins most awards, has the best attitude and who has the most projects, all being taken in the judging. The cup will be given to be retained until the 1940 fair and suitably inscribed with the winners name.

Driest Season On Record Feared

When the clock struck five Thursday afternoon with the sound unflinched by the sound of raindrops there ended the driest crop year experienced in this county since 1910 when records were first kept on rainfall in this county. Since September 1, 1938 only 7.66 inches of rain has fallen at the experiment station.

Furthermore the five months ended at that time from the weather recording point of view are among the driest recorded. Since the first of April a mere smattering of rain has come to this county, 1.01 inches to be exact. None fell in August at all except one small trace.

Driest year previously was the 1923-24 crop year in which 7.72 inches fell. Three years have been under eight inches.

In 1915-16 the weather man was good to the county sending 16.52 inches of rainfall and the crop of 1916 is still a subject of longfing yearning on the part of wheat farmers. Next wettest crop year was the 1926-27 year when 14.22 inches fell. Average since 1910 has been 11.1 inches. We are therefore about 3 and a half inches short this year or nearly 30% under normal.

Good deep soil moisture is responsible for the good crops of this year over a goodly part of the county, not the crop year rainfall.

Crested Wheat May Be Seeded Dry

The compliance checkers are off duty this week because so few farmers are ready to have their farms checked at this time of year. Many expect to sow Crested Wheat grass but want to wait until the fall rains come. The county agent says this is unimportant when seeding Crested Wheat as one of the best stands obtained previously in this county was in 1936 when the grass was sown on dry ground. When sown in dry ground, however, the seed should be broadcast, says the agent.

Early checking of compliance will enable this county to be first in the state to get information in to the state headquarters which has often meant early payment.

Spotted Fever Attacks Capitol Residents

Washington, D. C., Aug. 31. (Special)—Spotted fever ticks are playing havoc in Washington with a higher percentage of cases than are reported in the Pacific northwest. This summer 12 residents of the national capitol have been bitten by the ticks, resulting to date in four deaths. Last summer there were 15 cases and five deaths.

The disease carrying ticks, once confined to the Rocky mountain region, have been widening their zone of activity principally thru the ranging of sheep from which the ticks drop and then climb on sage brush and other shrubs to transfer to a passing human.

While this is well known in the far west, where precautions are taken with serum, physicians in Washington cannot account for the presence of the ticks in the District of Columbia, except on the theory that they have been brought to the capitol by dogs. Newspapers are publishing warnings to picnic parties and hikers to examine themselves twice a day for evidences of ticks.

MEETING CALLED

A crop insurance meeting for eastern Oregon has been called for September 5th, at Pendleton to be attended by supervisors and county agents of this area.

Sherman County Among Three That Become Debt Free This Year

By A. L. Lindbeck

Three more Oregon counties managed to shake off their burden of debt during the past year. Washington county paid off \$39,843.67 in outstanding warrants to qualify for a place on the honor roll. Sherman county \$58,927.3 in outstanding bonds and Tillamook county cleared its books of \$47,000 in bonded debt which were outstanding a year ago.

Seven other counties which were reported as debt free in a survey by State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson a year ago continue to maintain that position today. They include Clatsop, Columbia, Douglas, Lake, Linn, Marion, and Umatilla.

Only two of the states' 36 counties show an increase in their debt load during the year. They are Malheur whose indebtedness has grown \$12,362.50 since July 1, 1938, presumably through an increase in outstanding warrants, and Union county whose net debt is \$16,543.81 larger than it was last year.

Lall told the counties whittled \$2,279,534.07 off their net debt during the year, reducing the total from \$20,030,167.21 as of July 1, 1938, to \$17,750,633.14 as of July 1, 1939.

The present indebtedness of the Oregon counties includes \$17,040,180 in outstanding bonds, \$532,474.78 in road warrants, and against which total there are assets in the form of sinking funds aggregating \$1,254,972.86.

A summary prepared by State Treasurer Pearson shows that none of the counties approach the six percent constitutional debt limitation. In fact, only three counties—Coos, Grant and Wheeler—have a net debt in excess of four percent of their assessed valuations.

Approximately two-thirds of the debt load of the several counties is carried by Multnomah county whose total net debt amounts to

Crop Insurance Pays County In First Year

Returns Are 4000 lbs. Greater Than Value of Premiums Paid In

With the completion of the 1939 crop year the following report on crop insurance in Sherman county has been made by the officials in charge here. For the 1939 crop 38 farmers took out grain insurance and of this number 15 did not obtain the required amount of wheat and received the difference from the government. They received 10,236 bushels of wheat this year.

For the insurance they paid \$3,015.83. Wheat price was figured at an average price of 48 cents on the policies which amount to 6283 bushels of grain paid for the insurance which brought in the 10,236 bushels of losses. The gain to the county on crop insurance therefore this year was nearly 4,000 bushels.

No report has as yet been made on the results from the entire state so it is impossible to state whether Oregon as a whole gained or lost from the first year of the crop insurance plan.

Good crops were harvested in the north end of the county and in the central part of this county crops were generally good although some policies were collected on. The south end of the county suffered the most from weather conditions and therefore received the largest portion of the total insurance wheat paid. Greatest single return was 3410 bushels received on insurance on which the premium was slightly over \$400.

Moisture conditions at seeding time last fall were fair although the spring rains failed to come. Much of the wheat insured was sown in the spring.

DRILLING STOPPED

Well drilling on the Art Johnson place in town was stopped Wednesday afternoon after two attempts to get water without drilling too deep were tried. Formations were found that Mr. Johnson, an experienced driller, considered too thick to drill through to obtain the desired water.

\$11,904,410.23. Next largest debt item is that of Coos county, totaling \$1,125,351.82, with Clackamas county's \$922,980 ranking third. Polk with a net debt of only \$26,735.92, and Jackson county with a net debt of \$69,426.81 have the lowest debt ratio of the several counties still in the "red" column.

The "Ham and Eggs with \$30 per week," for Oregon's needy aged launched its campaign for bigger pensions this week when articles of incorporation were filed with the state corporation department. Headquarters of the organization, capitalized at \$5000 will be maintained in Salem.

With more than \$1,000,000 in income taxes reported but unpaid the state tax commission is preparing to send out notices calling attention to the fact that second half tax payments are due before October 1. Earl Fisher, head of the income tax division estimates that taxes on 1938 incomes will total more than \$4,600,000 when all the payments are in.

Models for the two granite statues guarding the entrance to Oregon's new capitol will be turned over to the University of Oregon for preservation if the sculptor approves.

Oregon motorists, including tourists within the state, set a new record for gasoline consumption during July when sales of this commodity totalling 25,246,032 gallons were reported to Secretary of State Earl Snell.

The state emergency board meeting here this week at the request of the Board of Control went on record as emphatically opposed to extravagance in the expenditure of public funds.

Requests totalling \$18,500 presented by the Board of Control

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