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FOURTH OF JULY

Sunday will be the Fourth of July, the day of the year on which Americans give proper praise to the men who nurtured their political beginnings and to the document that contains a statement of the policy upon which this nation was founded—the Declaration of Independence.

Whether one attends a public gathering where the historic words are read or not, each person should take enough time next Sunday to re-read that declaration. That part, and it is the major part that has to do with the specific charges against King George, are not so important in these days when we have pretty well established a government against which most of these complaints do not apply.

All men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government laying its foundation on such principle, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

No other nation has a document written by the people that gives them such sovereign power over their rulers. It is something to keep. But more important is it to keep the spirit that caused our ancestors to stand resolutely against government they considered improper and make one of their own.

AW-NUTS

The resignation of Chester Davis, head of the food organization of the national government, and the immediate appointment of Marvin Jones can bring no happiness to anyone but Jones. He is merely another "Yes" man added to an already too long list of administration Charley McCarty who are cluttering up domestic government.

As a sop to labor the president vetoed the anti-strike bill (altho there are those who think he did so only after being assured congress would pass it over his veto) which might serve to appease some of the laboring men who have been badly pinched by the raise in the price of living.

The proposal for subsidies for food production is another effort to satisfy both labor and the farmers about the price of food. If prices could be both held down and held up by subsidies everyone but the taxpayers should be happy. Technically there is no reason why subsidies will not work here as in England if applied to the proper foods and well managed. If, however, they are to be used because the administration lacks sufficient intestinal fortitude to enforce its former rulings, they are bad because they are a sign of greater weakness and an attempt to use the United States treasury as a buffer for poor administration.

As a matter of fact the price of most farm products is too high now. If the cost of labor and the cost of food could have been held to the 1941 level there should have been little kick. Governmental interference has befuddled everyone and government itself until there is little chance for a sensible program until some one, capable, man gets in control with authority. The relationship between the price of corn and hogs has been upset, as well as the relationship between corn and wheat and other feed grains, most livestock is too high, and the numbers are being increased in hopes of still higher price. If that continues farmers will suffer as great a drop in livestock prices as they did in wheat prices at the end of the last war.

There is no sense in the food and feed program at all. In some place it works a hardship on every person in the nation. It is uncoordinated and absolutely indefensible from the standpoint of economics although the politics of it may prove successful.

The price of corn has been set at a comparatively low figure. Hog-corn farmers are holding corn to feed an unprecedented number of hogs which are not being sold despite the fact the price is high. In the meantime dairymen are selling cows for lack of feed. The black market is disrupting meat markets. Farmers can sell wheat to the government and buy other wheat at a cheaper price to feed their stock. There are 130,000,000 hogs in the land and 75,000,000 was considered a dangerously large number three years ago. We may be feeding the world but we are doing a very poor job of feeding ourselves.

Undoubtedly the mismanagement of food and feed is one of the most dangerous things on the domestic front and this includes strikes, race riots and sabotage. It could be remedied and it must be. But the continuance of present administration will not do it.

In Other Days

From the Observer July 1, 1901
General Passenger Agent Lytle puts an extra train on the C. S. Ry. Monday from Wasco to Moro to accommodate 4th of July visitors.

Unless we get some rain pretty soon, crops in good old Sherman will fall short of previous estimates this year. A special agent of the general land office will be in Moro after the 4th to interview ousted settlers under the provisions of the Williamson bill.

Rose Hill Cemetery association by the aid of Henry Hennagin and his son, Fred, is fencing the plat with 56 inch woven wire using new railroad ties for posts.

From the Observer, July 4, 1924
Both banks and nearly all the business houses of Moro have declared an unofficial holiday for Saturday, July 5th. As a result the town will practically be deserted the 4th and 5th.

A large cougar measuring six feet four inches from tip to tip was shot last Thursday, June 26th by John Brady in a barn on the Rayburn place northeast of Klondike.

Sherman county has been visited this week by a heat wave of unusual high temperature for Monday was close to 106, with slightly less for Tuesday and Wednesday because of the cool west wind.

From the Observer, July 3, 1914
R D Jackson and family have vacated the rented residence recently purchased by G W Hansell and are located in a tent on the same block. This is one sign of city prosperity when there is not a residence in Moro for rent.

W A Ruggles has placed in order the water system on the Walker farm at the head of Rattlesnake grade and is now building a cistern.

L Barum and G E Llewellyn were fishing on the Deschutes last Sunday using the Rattlesnake grade and Mr Barum's auto. Coming up the grade was a dry fair, the radiator being treated three times to a filling of water. A cash prize will be given for the best choir singing the Star Spangled Banner at DeMoss July 4th. There are now a few competing choirs listed and more are desired by the committee.

Kelly's Column

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very anxious to find out what the home folks think of their record, so far. Washington's Bone and Oregon's Holman are up for re-election next year and, naturally, these two will do much political fence building. Oregon's McNary, the senate's minority leader, will have an easy time, inasmuch as he was just re-elected last November. McNary will visit his Oregon farm and sit astride the farm fence instead of straddling the political fence, which should be quite a relief to him.

The treasury department is receiving many complaints from business firms concerning the new Lincoln pennies, which are made principally of steel washed with zinc in order to conserve copper. The new pennies are giving business firms, large and small, much grief because they look for all the world like dimes and many of them have been innocently accepted as dimes by both seller and purchaser. The dime stores all over the United States are holding their heads off. Their clerks are now instructed to scrutinize each dime offered in payment for merchandise to see that it isn't a penny. These stores claim the new penny has already cost them thousands of dollars. Many city transportation companies, such as street cars and bus lines, have also given thousands of dime rides for a penny.

Wet Hay May Be Kept From Burning

Storing hay too soon that has been wet by rain is more likely to cause heating and result in fire from spontaneous ignition than hay stored too green, says Art King, extension specialist in soils and head of the rural fire control project in Oregon. Either kind of wet hay is dangerous, however.

Every year in Oregon some good barns full of hay, as well as hay in stacks are destroyed by fire because the hay was put up before being properly cured, says King in a new circular—No. 412—dealing with prevention of such losses. The safest way to prevent them is to make sure the hay is dry enough before it is mowed or stacked.

A new idea has been developed recently, however, for use in emergencies where hay heats to the danger point but is discovered before fire breaks out. In such cases fire frequently starts when air the hay is being removed. This can be prevented by the use of compressed carbon dioxide, such as is obtainable through any soda fountain where it is kept in steel drums.

By applying this compressed gas through proper equipment to the hot spots in a mow or stack the danger points can be cooled down enough to make removal of the hay entirely safe.

Any excuse you can give for not upping your payroll savings will please Hitler, Hirohito and puppet Mussolini.

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Jack Sathers Visiting Folks At Kent

Mr and Mrs Jack Sather are here to spend some time visiting with his parents. Mr and Mrs Louis Sather before he is called to his new job which will either take him to San Francisco or Portland.

Mr and Mrs Jerry Wilson were dinner guests Sunday at the W.C. Miller home near Moro.

J H Wilson left for Portland last week where he joined his wife to spend a few weeks at the beach.

Art and Roy Justesen and Bill Gunther were business visitors in Grass Valley Monday of this week.

Mrs J E Norton and sons Wily and Ross and daughter, Carole, and Warren Norton returned home last Wednesday from Portland where Mrs Norton had been visiting and Warren attending to business. Mrs Norton had also visited her mother in Tangent.

Mr and Mrs James Matthes were business visitors in The Dalles one day last week.

Mr and Mrs W G Helyer returned home from Portland Saturday where they both had medical attention. W H Helyer took care of the ranch while they were away.

Mr and Mrs Paul Smith and Max Pluemeke were business visitors in The Dalles last week, Mrs William Jefferies caring for young Michael Smith in the absence of his parents.

The potluck dinner at the Ted vonBorstel ranch was well attended by the Legion members. There were several from beyond Kent. The younger people went swimming in the vonBorstel dam.

Mrs J N McInnes and W K Haggerty were among The Dalles visitors last Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Gus Koepke were in Kent last Sunday and George Witter went as far as The Dalles with them. He returned Thursday.

Pvt. Luther Davis and Pvt. Glen Schaffer were visitors at the Davis ranch last week. They returned to Corvallis where they are stationed.

Bob Baker, who is employed at the Mike Smith ranch* returned home last week after a few days in Portland with his parents.

Mrs M K Pluemeke has been gone the past two weeks visiting her son who is in the navy stationed at Treasure Island. She plans to return home in a few days.

There were quite a few people on the Decker lake last Sunday having picnics or boating. Lou Peetz, county road man, and his crew have been here the past week spreading gravel on roads both east and west of town.

GADGETS GOING

Before war-born shortages threatened any operations of Mrs. America's household, she took most gadgets and equipment for granted. But shortages bring to light the myriad details which made a household tick. For example, when squeezing oranges for breakfast fruit juice, most women probably are not aware of a change because of the war. The coating of shellac which used to cover oranges to prevent excessive shrinkage in transit is too precious and scarce for this purpose during wartime. So a wax coating has taken its place.



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Use Vegetables at Their Best



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Learn the proper time to gather and eat your Victory Garden vegetables if you want to raise with your family and friends as belonging to the master gardener class. "Pick 'em young!" advise specialists at the Ferry-Morse Seed Breeding Station who realize that many home gardeners foster the mistaken idea that vegetables must mature before being eaten.

Snap beans are at their snappiest just before the beans inside the pods have begun to form. This is also the best stage for canning. Pods of green peas should be smooth, rounded, and fresh green in color. If pods are flat, let them grow a few days longer; it is wasteful to pick them when peas don't fill the pod. On the other hand, if pods have turned slightly whitish and wrinkled, the peas are too old and will not cook tender and tasty.

When you have eaten carrots at a half to three-quarters inch in diameter, you will never again hanker for larger roots. Kohl rabi globes should be allowed to get no bigger than an inch across before popping them into pot or skillet.

Straightneck summer squash is fast becoming a favorite, but the tendency is to let the fruits grow too large. Slice them with skin and seeds intact when four to five inches long and boil or saute for just a few minutes. All the delicate flavor and nutritive values are saved, and summer squash becomes epicurean instead of a tasteless mass.

Down South the slender pods of okra are gathered and used before they are three inches long. At this size they are a real delicacy and less "gluey," either as a vegetable alone or in soups and stews. Try slicing young cucumbers for the table when they, too, are no more than four inches long—the richer, fresher flavor is amazing.

The time to pick or not to pick an ear of sweet corn sometimes stumps the experts. Experience says the silk should be brown and somewhat dry, and the ear plump to the touch through the green husk. As a double-check, however, seasoned gardeners usually strip down a bit of husk while the ear is still on the stalk. If kernels are deep, close together, and milky, they are ready.

Kent Service Groups Elect New Officers

Members of George Bell Post and Unit and families met at the home of Mr and Mrs Theo. von Borstel Sunday, June 27, for a picnic dinner and post and unit meetings. The picnic lunch was served on decorated tables on the lawn to 56 people. Visitors from Moro were Mr and Mrs W W Knighten and Wily jr. and Mr and Mrs Tom Douma. William Richets of Ray Johnson Post of Redmond was also a visitor.

After lunch the organizations led by Frank vonBorstel, Commander, conducted a joint opening ceremony of the meeting. After which the Unit with Clara Kock, president retired to a separate business meeting.

Election of officers of the Post for ensuing year were: Commander, Ted Ball; Vice-Commander, William A Pauch; Adjutant, J E Norton; Treasurer, Ted von Borstel. Delegates to the State Convention to be held in Baker August 19 to 20 were Ted Ball and Norris Gilkison, alternates, Carrol Clevenger and Frank von Borstel.

Election of officers to the Post were: President, Vivian Ball; Vice-President, Anna Barnett; Second Vice-President, Margaret Le Bleu; Secretary, Millie von Borstel; Treasurer, Cassie Holmes. The incoming president appointed Mildred Norton, Historian; Sylvia Gilkison, Chaplin and Alta May, Sergeant at Arms. The following were given chairmanships: Americanism, Grace Zevly; Child Welfare, Cassie Holmes; Community Service and Music, Helene Lemley; Constitution and By-laws and Poppies, Millie vonBorstel; Membership, Floye vonBorstel; Legislative, Hilma Rooper; National Defense, Laura Sather; National News, Margaret Le Bleu; Poppy Poster, Emma Jean Scholl; Publicity, Vivian Ball; Radio, Dorothy Dunlap; Junior Activities, Cassie and Helene vonBorstel; Rehabilitation, Clara Kock and Alta May; War Activities, Sylvia Gilkison. Delegates to the convention were elected as follows: Vivian Ball.

Ball and Millie vonBorstel; alternates, Dorothy Dunlap and Clara Kock.

The juniors meeting resulted in the re-election of their former officers: President, Rita vonBorstel; Vice-President, Theida Beyer; Secretary, Mary vonBorstel and Treasurer, Aileen Lemley.

If Hitler wins, the issue for you will be living itself and not just the cost of living. Think that over and figure it out for yourself how much beyond 10 percent of your family income you should put into War Bonds every payday.

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