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JULY FOURTH

This is the Fourth of July. Back in 1776 the leaders of the 13 colonies, mostly a group of young men, had been talking over colonial problems for some weeks and decided that they should become independent from England. They had reason for doing so and they stated them.

We think them academic and "natural" rights because we are used to having them, but people had long been under a system of government under which the king was all powerful. It took seven years—and a lot of luck—to win independence. Nowadays, with government in control of so much better armaments, it would be almost impossible to win freedom if it were lost or even reduced.

Indications are that most Americans will exercise an independent right and do pretty much as they please on this holiday. The old formal Fourth is abandoned, perhaps because it was not independent enough. But while speeding along the highway, or casting a line in that big rattle, or gnawing that well fried chicken leg, it would be most appropriate if each citizen would give a fleeting thought to the liberty he still possesses and recall these words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they 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."

FILIBUSTER

Anyone who happens to be curious about what senators talk about when filibustering may obtain that information by reading the Congressional Record of June 20 and 21, copies of which are at the office of the Sherman County Journal.

It would not be fair to give this invitation without a warning that such reading will be largely a waste of time. Senator Morse talked about himself and his beliefs most of the time, keeping the general subject of labor to the fore.

One cannot but wonder if filibusters have not as often hindered the cause as helped it. Last day talk-fests that prevent a vote may accomplish a purpose but on other occasions probably defeat the very purpose desired.

On the labor bill it may be assumed that Pepper, Taylor and Morse were talking to prevent a vote before the coming Monday in the hope that a flood of telegrams from labor sympathizers would change the attitude of enough senators to uphold the veto. This did not indicate a great respect for the integrity of fellow senators.

The vote indicates that probably some senators were lost to the labor side instead of gained. It was very likely a futile attempt.

Labor now seems decided to attack the bill because it does not give labor the right to contribute to political campaigns. Corporations have long been excluded from financial participation therein. After attacking the bill for a "slave" bill, it now seems rather weak to start the offensive against it on the plea of political participation.

PROPAGANDA

The state public welfare commission is cooperating with the sales tax campaign as shown by a letter giving notice of reduction in pension payments published in this issue.

The reason the appropriation for welfare was reduced was that it was felt that it was too high. There was much discussion as to whether the liquor revenue will be large enough to meet the welfare costs. Probably there will be insufficient liquor money.

If the sales tax is passed, and if it raises over \$22,000,000 per year, a sixth will go to welfare uses. The best estimate on probable receipts is \$20,000,000 for this kind of a sales tax, although no one can estimate a tax accurately. The state will have about the same amount of money if

the sales tax is defeated as it will if it passes, because of the other taxes that are attached to it. It seems to be generally correct that those organizations that use public funds are favoring the sales tax. That is a natural division for it seems likely that those who provide the public funds will oppose it.

HAWAIIAN STATEHOOD

The House voted on statehood for the Hawaiian Islands may be a start toward the extension of our boundaries to an unforeseeable extent. Alaska, it may be presumed, will be next.

It must be admitted that the more of these colonies we admit to statehood the weaker we become as a nation. True, if another nation had Hawaii it could be pretty much of a menace to us in this atomic age, and would even have been in the air age, now superseded by atoms. How far then, should this nation go in extending its boundaries?

Shall we incorporate Guam into our body politic because we have a base there? Are we to try to be a compact, solid nation, or one spread all over the globe as was England before it fell to internal discontent?

Hawaii is economically and militarily dependent on the United States and it could hardly turn to any other nation. We own it. It has a place in our economy. That we should make it one of the states, with equal status with New York, Texas or Oregon is not quite conceivable. We think congress made a serious mistake and might as well get out of Washington before the heat gets worse.

THOSE AERIAL DISCS

So far as known no one in Sherman county has been seeing things in the sky. Many others have reported strange discs that fleet across the airways without identification.

They may be planes or imagination. One story said they were reflections from passing airplanes, which always, so said the story, cast a light reflection.

Each has given his story a twist that is indicative of his or her own thinking and some of these are very amusing. A well balanced person finds nothing but a curious incident in seeing the "planes". Another sees a foreign nation testing rockets over our land; some think our own army is experimenting with a new gadget; at least one says these discs are a portent of the end of the world.

Whether there is anything to the story or not, it does give a pretty accurate picture of what people are afraid of in the northwest.

In Other Days

From the Observer, July 3, 1908
Dr. Marie Goffin has been confined to her room for about two weeks with a severe illness, but will soon be out again.

The wheat fields of Sherman county gladden the hearts of everybody, fortelling a bountiful harvest with very few exceptions.

Miss Pearl Thompson closed a very successful term at the Adobe school near Kent, on the 26th. Miss Pearl is a Sherman county girl, one who is popular as a teacher, and will go back to Adobe next fall.

From the G. V. J. July 3, 1918
Cooler weather was in evidence Wednesday morning. Mr. Miller who lives on the Schwartz place, says there was a thin coat of ice on the water trough.

There was quite a number of Sherman county people at Camp Lewis last week mostly those who had a son there and to bid them good bye before their departure.

As our stores have given notice in these columns that they will go on a cast basis on October 1st, it is up to the citizens of the community to make their future arrangements accordingly and save and buy only absolute necessities.

J. B. Morrison informs us that they commenced to combine on their Gilliam county ranch the first of this week.

From the Observer, July 6, 1928
About 70 people from around Grass Valley and Kent and a few from Moro gathered at the Shearers grange hall Thursday, June 28th, to hear the lecture given by Professor William Evans Lawrence.

Prof. Lawrence arrived in the afternoon and together with a party of local people made a thorough search of the Clodfelter pastures where the cattle were pastured which have died from poison weed according to the report of State Veterinarians.

The citizens of Moro got excited last Saturday afternoon when the fire bell rang. A weed fire had been started on Frank Fortner's place, but no damage was done.

A group of farmers and business men of The Dalles and Wasco county attended the annual field day at Moro Experiment station on Monday, June 25, to inspect the station and also secure all data available with which to combat a new wheat disease that has invaded eastern Oregon.



QUEEN OF BRITAIN'S MERCHANT NAVY... Wearing her royal robes, Patricia Purser is presented to her admiring subjects after she had been crowned "Queen of the Merchant Navy," as the high spot of merchant navy week in London. The mayor of Westminster is presenting her majesty. Prior to the war the British merchant navy was the largest afloat. War production of ships now has placed the U. S. A. in first place.

AGRICULTURE MAY GET LESS MONEY

Cutbacks in assistance to farmers in carrying out erosion control and soil building measures under the 1947 agricultural conservation program have been announced by E. H. Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee, because of the prospect of reduced appropriations for the current program year.

The state committee has suspended contacts with six limestone plants for furnishing lime to farmers as conservation materials, and has canceled all unfilled purchase orders for phosphate and for conservation services such as land leveling and livestock water developments.

County AAA committees have been instructed to discontinue notifying farmers of minimum allowances for conservation work, and to permit no substitution of practices on farm plans already approved.

These actions were necessary, Miller explained, because recommended congressional appropriations will not provide sufficient funds to cover amounts already obligated to farmers for conservation work under the 1947 program. County allocations of practice funds and commitments to participating farmers were based on congressional authorization of \$300,000,000 for this year's conservation program. The report of the house appropriations committee reduces the authorized amount by about 45 percent.

Considerable curtailment of both state and county committee staffs and activities will be necessary because of reductions ranging from 40 to 100 percent in administrative funds for the conservation, price support, crop insurance and other farm programs handled by the committees, Miller added.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

Mr and Mrs Cliff Wiley of La Grande and Mr and Mrs Neal Freeman of Eugene came Friday to spend a few days with Mr and Mrs J. C. Freeman.

Mr and Mrs G. B. Hood and son Mike were over from Tygh Valley Monday to celebrate the birthday of her father, Tommy Jones.

Want Ads

FOR SALE: 2 bedroom house at Wasco. New composition roof. Newly redecorated interior and exterior. Must have cash. \$1050.00 See Chet Barbour, Wasco, Oregon. 35c

FOR SALE: 6 room house and two lots, at Wasco, Oregon on Highway 97. Price \$2500.00 See or call W. F. Darnelle. Office 511 U. S. Bank Building, The Dalles, Oregon Phone 3040. 334-5c

Cherry pitter, simple, easy to make and leaves cherries whole. Sample, instructions \$1.00. W. H. Harris 1327 S. E. Portland, Oregon. 32-5p

SEE the infants and children's clothing at the TOT SHOP. We still do alterations, button holes and hemstitching. Mrs Jones, 404 Washington St., The Dalles. 34-35c

FOR SALE: 200 acres, electricity, new buildings, mill & milk rt. 1/4 mi. to school, gravel roads, 10A. water right, natural spring price, \$5500.00. More water available. H. L. Morris, Broker, Tygh Valley, Ore. 34-35c

Rufus Items Tell Of Community

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs Elizabeth Kuypers were Mr and Mrs Ted Reed, Mr and Mrs Charles Kuypers and Raymond Curtis when they helped celebrate Mr Kuypers' birthday anniversary.

Mrs C. A. Tom became very seriously ill Friday night and as taken to The Dalles Hospital. Latest reports are that she is much improved.

Mr and Mrs Harvey McClain attended the annual meeting on Saturday night of the Oregon State Employees Ass'n at the Civic Auditorium in The Dalles.

Mr and Mrs Robert Byrd were Friday evening guests of Mr and Mrs William Myers.

Mrs Wycliffe Rice returned last week from Potlatch, Idaho where she visited relatives for several weeks.

Mr and Mrs Chuck Dyball of The Dalles were Sunday afternoon visitors at the C. A. Tom home.

Mr and Mrs Clark D. Selgar of Los Angeles visited several days at the home of Mr and Mrs George Fox. On their return to Los Angeles they visited in Portland and Corvallis.

Mr and Mrs George Fox were visitors Sunday evening at the home of Mr and Mrs Bill Huck. Mr and Mrs Fred VanTassel and children, Loren and Donna, of St. Helena are visiting at the home of Mrs VanTassel's sister and family, Mr and Mrs James Tate.

Mr and Mrs Jewel Herin and daughter Shirley were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Dorsey Miller.

Mr and Mrs William Myers visited in Heppner Sunday.

Mrs Raymond Huddleston and children stopped at the C. A. Tom and Robert Byrd home Friday enroute from Heppner to Portland.

Mr and Mrs Carl Rutschman of Dayton were weekend visitors at the home of Mrs Rutschman's parents, Mr and Mrs Claud Coats.

Mr and Mrs T. H. Martin and children of Vallejo, California are visiting at the James Tate home and also Mr and Mrs Worth Tate in The Dalles. Mrs Martin is the daughter of the Worth Tates.

Nolan Rickels of Condon was a Sunday visitor at the Glean Thompson home.

Mr and Mrs Frank Hulery of Corvallis are visitors at the Robert Byrd home.

Mr and Mrs Dick Yocum were business visitors in Spokane, Wn., last week.

Mr and Mrs Erwin of Portland are visitors in the Galloway home at Biggs.

Mr and Mrs William Myers have moved to the Trace Fields house in Rufus.

Mr and Mrs Joe Morris were Friday evening dinner guests of Mr and Mrs Ray Brown.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Irma Johnson, NG Clara Houston, Sec.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us. E. E. Barzee, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

Moro Lodge No. 113, I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

John Lawrence N.G. A. R. Kessinger, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.S. Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting Member Invited—Moro, Oregon Genevieve Powell, W. M. Edna Melzer, Secretary



MAN OF ACHIEVEMENT... "Worker Father of the Year" is an appellation any father might well envy, so John Van Hoose of Richardson, Ky., can be excused for showing a little pardonable pride over being given that honor by the national Father's Day committee. Van Hoose, shown here being interviewed by two ladies of the press, is the father of 15 living children and the grandfather of an additional 15.

Drivers Warned of Highway Dangers Over Holidays

Vacation drivers are being urged to get the "sigh habit," by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrel Jr. Observation of traffic warning signs by travelers all over the nation is being stressed this summer.

"Oregon has made a sizable cash outlay to post its highways with adequate warning and guiding signs," the secretary of state said. "Some of our most terrible automobile accidents have stemmed from motorists' ignoring these markers."

Diamond-stamped signs indicate permanent hazards, such as sharp curves, narrow bridges, and dangerous intersections.

EXPORTS HELPING FARM PRICES

Overseas exports of farm products boosted Oregon's gross farm income to an unusual extent in 1946 and thus far in 1947, reports L. R. Breithaupt, OSC extension agricultural economist. The figures at hand do not show just how much, although an analysis of the data indicates that a substantial part of the receipts came directly or indirectly from United States exports of farm products.

"It is significant that he kinds of products showing the greatest increase in exports are those that account for most of the farm income in Oregon, whereas exports of these were small before the war," Breithaupt commented. "The increase in value was much greater than in volume owing to high prices. For the whole country the total value of all agricultural exports in 1946 was \$3,136,000,000. That is four times the 1935-1939 average value although the volume was only double prewar."

United States agricultural exports continued about double the 1935-1939 level during the first quarter of 1947, but the value reached \$913,000,000 compared with \$843,000,000 for the same period of 1946. These values include lend-lease, UNRRA and other exports except military shipments overseas. They include large amounts of grain products, dairy and poultry products, and meat, which loom large in Oregon's agriculture.

Rectangular markers are for part-time dangers as crossing livestock. Stop signs are always octagons. Rail crossings are marked by round warnings. This is the standard marker system used generally throughout the United States.

A safety man pointed out that some people apparently don't feel that any signs apply to them personally. He cited the instance of an Oregon driver who passed a board marked "Stop Ahead," ignored a stop sign at the side of the highway, a painted word "Stop" in the highway itself, and a red stop button in the center, and proceeded into an arterial where another car killed three of his passengers.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Account and Report as Administrator of the Estate of William C. Macnab, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 6th day of August, 1947, at 10:00 A. M., of said day, at the Courtroom, in the courthouse, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate.

Ronald S. Macnab Administrator
T. Lester Johnson, Attorney for Administrator 35-8c

NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that Beatrice Lanphear Baker as administratrix of the estate of Julia Lanphear, deceased, has filed her final account in said estate in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, and said court has fixed Wednesday, the 6th day of August, 1947, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day as the time for hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof. On or before said day any person interested in said estate may file objections to said final account or to any item thereof and contest the same.

Dated June 20, 1947.
Beatrice Lanphear Baker Administratrix
A. S. Cooley Attorney for Administratrix



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

The Picnic Was a "Hug" Success!

Our local Wild Life League went on a picnic Saturday, and I went along to cover it for the Clarion. Monday, folks kept stopping me, and saying: "Must have gotten out of hand, that picnic!"

"Nonsense," I says. "It was mighty pleasant and congenial. Just beer and hot dogs, cheese and cider." And then they show me the headline reading: "WILD WIFE PICNIC HUG SUCCESS."

Of course it was Elmer, my type-setter, who had made the misprints: But is my face red! It's only be-

cause folks are so temperate and well-behaved in our town, that they could afford to take the whole thing as a joke.

From where I sit, even a newspaper editor's entitled to a few mistakes. And since I reported that they served a moderate beverage like beer, I'm sure nobody thinks the picnic was the least bit wild, or anything but a huge success—and I mean huge!

Joe Marsh

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BaseBall
GRASS VALLEY VS PRINEVILLE
GRASS VALLEY PARK
Sunday, July 6
Admission .50 and .25

