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GARRULOUS LEISURELY FLIPPANT COMMENT

Fourth of July are different these days. Or rather, the people who celebrate them are different. When families were more isolated a celebration was a time for getting together in crowds. Farm families went to town to visit neighbors and friends and engage in the pleasures of being gregarious.

These days nearly everyone sees enough of his fellow humans that he takes to the woods on holidays. A vacant spot on a fishing stream, a shady grove are more to be desired than conversation which is heard day after day at the office or place of business.

This present play with the tax reduction bill indicates a political move. It seems most unlikely that this new bill should pass over the veto of the president, who would surely refuse to sign it. Republicans may want to have Truman put a halt to tax reduction twice so he will be in poor shape to advocate it next year when elections come.

Many are anxious to obtain some tax reduction now, before economic conditions slow down business. These men feel that high taxes will eventually keep jobs fewer and opportunities less.

Methuselah ate what he found on his plate.

And never, as people do now, did he note the amount of caloric count.

He ate it because it was chow. He wasn't disturbed as at dinner he sat.

Devoicing a roast or a pie. To think it was lacking in grandeur.

Or a couple of vitamins shy. He cheerfully chewed each species of food.

Unmindful of troubles or fears. Lest his health might be hurt.

By some fancy dessert. And he lived over 900 years.

We are the only people on the earth who can afford to be food fastists; or in fact, the only ones who can be particular at all.

If that 400,000 displaced persons get over here from Europe they'll eat themselves into the appendicitis ward the first month. But that's no different than Europeans have been doing for years. Yet there were some places in Europe where the table fodder was excellent according to reports of those who had been there. Eating over there probably isn't as bad as stated even yet.

A New York detective agency that specializes in tracing missing persons has been employed by more than 70,000 wives to find their husbands, but only 15 husbands to find their wives, reports Colliers.

The little woman will tell you that indicates the lack of husbandly affection or that it means that wives are so faithful to duty that they seldom leave home.

Men can think it means anything they want and may feel satisfied that the relative values are approximately correct.

A pioneer of many years in Sherman county was talking about the lack of rain (this was some weeks ago) and she said that once, years ago, they had worried about the dryness of the season, its effect on their wheat crop and then when it started to rain it kept it up until the crop was fine, after all.

One needn't have gray hair to remember 1916 when the fall grain was practically gone with drought by June. When it began to rain it hardly stopped until the middle of July and the fields were greener than in May.

Spring wheat made phenomenal yields; inter wheat came on after being cut for hay and made big pasture and threshing went on into November.

Nineteen sixteen is still remembered as one of the big years, a year in which late sown spring grain made 15 to 16 sacks or more. That was before the recent years when big crops followed one another so quickly.

Good harvest weather prevails and properly so for what now looks to be a good harvest.

County Agents Visit Station On Conference Trip

County agents from the mid-Columbia counties gathered at experiment station Tuesday for a two day conference. Leaders here for the session were E. R. Jackman of the department of field crops, OSC, E. J. Bell, new secretary for the Oregon Wheat commission, Clifford Smith, assistant county agent, leader, Rex Warren, farm crop specialist and Chester Ross extension forester.

Purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the county agents with the experiment station and give them chance to confer over future work in the wheat counties. Since the war nearly all agents in this area are new to the job. Tuesday was spent in the field at the station where M. M. Oveson superintendent, told of the work he is doing with wheat varieties and with trashy fallow experiments.

The entire station was inspected including weed plots chemically treated, the grass plots and the rotation experiments and tillage method tests. Wednesday Mr. Ross told about trees that can be grown in this section and explained some theories of post treating for preservation.

Attending were E. N. Nelson of Wasco county, LeRoy Wright Sherman, Ernest Kirsch, Gilliam; Nelson Anderson, Morrow; Vic Johnson, Umatilla; Les Marks, Wheeler.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

Keith R. DeCoursey, of Grass Valley was among 269 students listed on the University of Oregon honor roll for spring term. Forty-one students received perfect averages of 4.00 or all "A's". The honor roll is made up of students with grade points of 3.50 or better, based on not less than 12 term hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Barnum of Bend were guests of his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Barnum the fourth, returning to their home the following day.

Bob Robertson, who is attending summer school at La Grande was home for the Fourth weekend.

Mrs. Willard Rolfe and Mrs. Roy Wells were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lemley, a son, July 9.

Mrs. Chester Coats, returned from the hospital with her ten day old daughter and is spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Says.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Johnson of Salem were here last week end accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Register, who onetime home-steaded land in Sherman county. While here they went down to the John Day where Register spent some of his younger years.

George Bradley In Toils of Law Over Check Writing

George Bradley, 49, from Sol-law, Oklahoma, is held in the county jail awaiting pleading on a charge of forgery. Bradley was arrested at Popular Grove near where he had been working for Walter Morris.

Sheriff Fields reports that tests show that Bradley had written checks signing them with the name Joe Morris, son of his employer. Hearing will determine whether Bradley will be held for grand jury or not.

Shaniko Has Demand For Eating Place

Shaniko took on the appearance of a city Monday when many tourists stopped, the highway oiling crew came in from Redmond; result many hungry folks. Many old timers came home to visit the past week among them being Mr. and Mrs. Charles Covey and family of Bakeoven who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rees and son, Charles, were Thursday visitors at the "W. A. Rees home. They brought Miss Margaret Olsen home from Cove where she had been attending the summer Episcopal Assembly.

Jack Rees of Washington D. C. has been visiting his parents. He is a government employee in the capitol.

Bud Gott, a free lance writer from San Francisco, was here Saturday looking for movie material. Gott was with him.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sephus Gott who farmed in the Bakeoven country some 20 years ago and a nephew of William Gott, one time Shaniko business man. He would appreciate material he could use in his coming book and would receive it if sent to the Shaniko postoffice.

Visitors at the Morelli ranch were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wert of Portland. All were rodeo visitors at The Dalles over the Fourth.

Mrs. Maude Garrett had as dinner guests the evening of the Fourth Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hanks and her son, Bob. The Hanks went to the performance in The Dalles taking Bob as far as Grass Valley.

Dick and Don Earl and Misses Mary and Sammy Lyons were Sunday afternoon visitors at Mrs. Garrett's.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Aklin and family moved to Tygh Valley where he is working.

Mrs. Aletha Whiteman has given up the hotel and returned to her home at Klamath Falls.

Shaniko is expecting to have the electricity turned on shortly and to have the street corner lighted so no one will drive by without noticing.

Moro Church To Observe Sixtieth Anniversary

Next Sunday the Moro church will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the First Presbyterian Church of Moro which was established July 10, 1887. The first meeting was held in the school house that used to occupy the lots where Ralph Brisbane now lives. Present were Mrs. P. A. Scott, Mrs. C. T. Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. John Dalrymple, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Axtell, Mr. and Mrs. James Woods, Mrs. N. B. Morrison, Joseph M. Black, Mrs. M. J. Leet, Misses Ella and Nannie Morrison, Mrs. Laura Moore, Mrs. America Moore, Mrs. Jane Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McLean and Miss Mary Cushman. Black, McLean, and Axtell were chosen as elders. Name of the new church was the First Presbyterian Church of Grass Valley at Moro, a mixture of geographical spots that was common in early days when nearly all the country south of Gordon ridge was called the Grass Valley country.

Moving spirit of the new church was Rev. James M. Morrison who had been preaching around Hay Canyon for over a year, coming here from Weston. He was pastor of the Moro church until 1899.

Trueblood Smith was here for nearly three years to be followed by Elmer McKivver who gave way to Rev. Henry G. Hanson who has long been identified with the local church. Arthur Hicks was here in the late 1920s as were Charles Parrott and Allan McRae in later years.

Silas Elder followed Morrison remaining for five years and A. J. Adams then began his long pastorate which lasted until 1916 broken only by a year when Robert K. Mosely replaced him.

In recent times Lawrence Mitchellmore and James Moberg have filled the local pulpit. Present pastor is James MacFarlane who has been here less than a year.

The observance of the anniversary will consist of regular services in the morning, a pot-luck dinner at 12:30 and a service again in the afternoon which Rev. Hanson would have led had it not been for his accident this week. Everyone is invited to come and attend the services.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

A drivers license examiner is scheduled to be on duty in Moro Thursday July 17, 1947 at the courthouse between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Wasco was eliminated from chance at the Wheat-Timber league pennant this year when it was defeated by Condon Sunday by a score of 7-0. This was the third straight defeat for Wasco which was among the leaders for most of the season.

Moro Water Users Asked To Curtail Irrigation for Time

The water committee of the City of Moro requests that there be no watering of lawns or gardens until there is sufficient water in the cistern to provide every one with water for domestic use. Notice will be given when watering may be resumed.

The Moro council met Tuesday night and were met by a delegation of residents of the hill who want to know about the water situation and why they could get none at all.

It was explained that extra heavy use had occurred Monday when everyone returned from vacation and wanted to irrigate and wash clothes, which drew down the water supply.

By Tuesday all had been notified to do no more irrigating until further notice, which would be given when water was again available for all.

Then ensued a discussion of what to do about it for permanent cure. It would be possible to build another cistern that would hold enough water for emergencies or to drill a new well or to put in bigger mains so hill residents would not be out when valley residents sprinkle lawns. All were discussed.

First two readings of a new ordinance that would close Third street between Scott and McCoy was had and final passage will be done at the next meeting. This is the street between the school grounds and the Bob May and Roy Kessinger places. It is planned to make it the parking place for school busses to prevent accidents on the street in front of the school.

KENT ITEMS

Misses Connie and Dorothy Wilson left Sunday for a visit at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Joe Wilson at Moscow, Idaho.

J. C. Wilson of Portland arrived Monday at the Jerry Wilson home for an extended stay.

Sunday school will be held at ten o'clock Sunday to be followed by a short sermon by Rev. Earl Hastings of Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chandler of Edmonds, Wash., and Rev. and Mrs. Earl Hastings of Boyd, were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sather and Helene and Shirley were overnight visitors in Portland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson and daughters, and Ann and Edwin Smith attended a family picnic at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Now. Smith of The Dalles on the 7th.

Ann Smith, who has been a guest at the Wilson home for the past two weeks remained in The Dalles.

Early Harvest Returns Indicate Extra Good Crop

Harvest is getting started this week over the northern part of Sherman county but actual yields are not available except for good guesses, for very few fields have been finished. Indications, however, are that the crop will be very good.

It is reliably reported that Wes Fuller finished cutting a field for A. B. Potter at Klondike that made nearly 30 bushels per acre.

East of Moro several are cutting including Dewey Thompson, Lawrence Kenny and Bob Bel-shee. John DeMoss is cutting again after having had to stop and several combines are running around Wasco.

It is expected that almost all machines will be in the field by

next Monday as far south as Nigger ridge and harvest will be on in full blast all over by the 20th of the month.

Estimates of a 2,500,000 bushel crop are common although there are some who insist that they will get as good a crop as in 1946 despite earlier reports of grave disaster to mid-Columbia wheat fields. If a 30 bushel yield is common in the territory east of Wasco and the crop is average in comparison over the county the total bushelage will be much larger than the above figure.

Profits will be very good also as farmers are expecting to get around \$2 a bushel, which may or may not be realized. Costs will be larger, however.

Grass Valley Entertains Many Former Residents Over Fourth of July Holiday

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson and son, Bob and daughter, Joan, from Lebanon were visitors in Grass Valley over the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens and daughter, Carol Ann, were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clinton of Pennsylvania arrived Friday from Portland to spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Schilling were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling.

Mrs. Nora Earl left Sunday for Salt Lake City to visit a daughter before returning to her home in DeMoines, Iowa after spending a month visiting her son, James Earl and family.

Bill Haynes from Carlton and Mrs. Helen Linke from Salem came Saturday to visit the former's sister, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap. They returned to their homes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Edwards and daughter, Luella from Vida spent Saturday visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Schilling.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Mrs. Nell Swick, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clinton from Pennsylvania and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson and children Dorothy and Kelly from Kent motored to Popular Grove at Rufus Sunday where they were met by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hooper of The Dalles and all enjoyed a picnic dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fields took Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Weld and daughter Darlene to The Dalles Monday where they took the train to Portland after spending the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Newcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Todd and grandchildren Diane and Gene

Schilling, were dinner guests of Mrs. John Engstrom the 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Schilling and sons, Carl and Donald were in The Dalles the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Rolfe and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wells went to The Dalles Saturday to spend the day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leidum Brockway.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and Mrs. Nell Swick spent the 4th of July in The Dalles at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hooper.

Mrs. Klaus Bardenhagen will be hostess next Wednesday at 2:30, July 16 for a bridal shower in honor of Miss Frieda Buehner, who will be married to Charles Francis Hammond early in September. All friends of Miss Buehner are invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Newcomb returned home Wednesday from Portland where they spent several weeks visiting at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Weld. Mr. and Mrs. Weld and daughter, Darlene, accompanied them home to spend the weekend of the 4th here.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schilling entertained the Ambassador Male Quartette of the Multnomah Bible school in Portland at dinner Saturday evening.

Mrs. Art Bibby returned home Thursday from Portland where she spent several weeks on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry and daughter, Donna, Geraldine Rust, John Alley, Rodney Rolfe and Wilbur Haase of Hillsboro returned home Saturday from a trip on the Metolius.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wike and children returned to the Donald Coldfelter home Tuesday for a longer visit.

Dalles Military Road Approved After Seven Month Construction Period

It was March 9, 1868 in The Dalles, Oregon that N. R. Packard, County Clerk, affixed his official seal and filed the articles of incorporation of The Dalles Military Road company for James K. Kelly, N. H. Gates and O. Humason of Wasco county.

Purpose of the company was, according to Article 2, "The enterprise and business in which the said corporation proposes to engage is the location and construction of a clay road." Article 4 gave the amount of capital as one hundred thousand dollars and Article 5 stated that each share was valued at one hundred dollars.

Article 6 says: "This corporation is formed for the purpose of locating and constructing a clay road from Dalles City, in the County of Wasco, Oregon, by way of Camp Watson and Canyon City to a point on Snake river opposite Fort Boise, in Idaho Territory, about two miles below the mouth of the Owyhee river."

These articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state on March 30, 1868.

The Oregon legislature met in the fall of 1868 as was its custom in those days and along with approval of other grants did enact the following law: "Section 1: That there is hereby granted to Dalles Military Road Company, incorporated, as appears by the articles of incorporation filed in the office of the Secretary of State on the 30th day of March, 1868, all lands, right of way,

rights, privileges and immunities heretofore granted or pledged to this State by the act of Congress in his act heretofore recited, for the purpose of aiding said company in constructing the road mentioned and described in said act of Congress, upon the conditions and limitations therein prescribed.

"Section 2. There is hereby granted and pledged to said Dalles Military Road Company, all moneys, lands, rights, privileges and immunities which may be hereafter granted to this State to aid in the construction of such road, for the purposes and upon the conditions mentioned in any further grants of money of lands to aid in constructing said road.

"Section 3. The said Dalles Military Road Company is hereby authorized to locate the lands mentioned in the fourth section of the above recited act, subject to the approval of the Governor."

What was done about constructing the road between the passage of the above law by the legislature until the next June 23 when the road was approved by Governor George L. Wood was probably not extensive. The stage line ran from The Dalles to the crossing of the Deschutes near its mouth and a part of this route could be used.

Thomas Gordon had a claim on the Deschutes river about four miles from its mouth. It was the west half of the southwest quarter of Sec. 1 and the west half of the north west quarter of Sec. 12

all in Township 1 North Range 15 East. W. M. He had a sort of a bridge across the river at that point, a set of suitable buildings a small orchard and a band of horses.

The story goes—and it is not verifiable at this late date—that the Dalles Military Road company bought this bridge from Gordon and when they brought the Governor over the road they found the bridge so weak that they unhooked the horses from the buckboard and led them across one by one and then drew the vehicle across by hand.

If half the tales that are told about the inspection trip for the road are true it must have been one that participants never forgot—and never repeated. How many days were expended in going over the road, how many were in the party, how they traveled, where they ate, how much they drank are all lost in the official void. The results are not.

On June 23, 1869 at the executive office in Salem Governor Wood, writing on a map of the road that had been prepared by David P. Thompson of Clackamas county, surveyed, signed with his official seal the following: "I George L. Wood, Governor of the State of Oregon, do hereby certify that this plat or map of the Dalles Military Road has been duly filed in my office by the D.M.R. Company and shows in connection with the public survey as far as said public surveys are completed the location of the line

of route as actually surveyed and upon which their road is constructed in accordance with the requirements of an act of Congress approved February 25, 1867, Entitled "An Act granting lands to the State of Oregon to aid in the construction of a military wagon road from Dalles City on the Columbia river to Fort Boise on the Snake river" and with the act of the legislative assembly of the State of Oregon approved October 20, 1868, entitled "An Act donating certain lands to Dalles Military Road Company." I further certify that I have made a careful examination of said road since its completion and that the same is built in all respects as required by the said above recited acts and that said road is accepted. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Oregon." Samuel E. May, secretary of State, attested the signature.

The field notes, made by D. P. Thompson, bear the dates April 22 to May 17 and are written in along the route. Joel Ware, draughtsman, of Eugene City, certified that the map was made from the field notes of D. P. Thompson.

O. (Orlando) Humason, president of the company, stated: "I am hereby certified that David P. Thompson is the Chief Engineer of the Dalles Military Road, and that the location of the Road, as represented on his Map, is correct and approved by the Com-

pany and also, that all of said officers aided this desire of the people.

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