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These Things We Note

by Giles E. French

The other day we read this phrase, "liberalized his morals." It just occurs that just that is what Americans have been doing for generations after generations. From the text in which the above appeared, one might assume that "liberalization of morals" was something laudatory.

Whether the old Puritans were correct in their appraisal of how people should act is a long debated question but certainly no people can continue to liberalize their morals without halt or hesitation. There's got to be a stop someplace.

Most nations have fallen by their own weight, succumbed to their iniquities, as it were. When the people become immoral, licentious and lazy some more vigorous and upright race comes in and takes over the land. The nation perishes—and well it might. The barbarians might have set civilization back a long time by capturing Rome but think what it might have been had the world went on to accept the dissolute Roman ways.

Whether the nation's economy follows the historical pattern after the last war or does something else is a running debate with economists, to say nothing of a lot of common folk. It is pertinent to note that prices are following the trend and still going up and up and up. Optimists may point to the \$27 per hundred price for sugar in 1918 and the outlandish price of spuds, but the general price of food is now higher than it ever has been. Bread at 19 cents for a pound and a half is one example of a high mark.

There seems no restriction on raising prices. One of those devil take the hindmost affairs and everybody that sells anything seem to be making sure not to be the hindmost.

So whether we follow the record of the last post-war period and go boom and bust is not yet known, BUT, so far we are doing very much the same as before.

That bubble gum contest at the Gresham fair must be an indication of a lot of prosperity—flippantly spent.

"When I was credulous, callow and trusting,
When—in a word—I was young
Friendship I thought, was a chain
never-rusting,
One which would hold when I clung.
People, I thought—my illusions
were many—
Mostly were decent and fair.
Enemies? Lordy, I didn't have any
So I was wont to declare.

Now, marked with years and life's
bumps and contusions,
I can smile back at that youth
Who was I—for his eager illusions
Came pretty near to the truth!
When my encounters with humans
are listed,
Most of my enemies never existed,
Most of my friends have been
swell.

—Berton Braley

The World Almanac, we read, contains more information than any other volume ever printed. There's a lot of stuff there, most of which the average person gets along without very neatly and practically without pain. But when he wishes to know, for instance, the address of the "Ladies of the Orient" he may find it there, or if he wishes to read up on his nobility he may contact the International Order of King's Daughters and Sons, which ever that is.

There's almost everything and it keeps there better than it will in anybody's head. If piled into a brain that amount of facts and figures would come out a senseless babble. Which leads us to note that there must be order to a set of working brains.

The 1947 volume of Oregon Laws recently issued by the state after labor since the final adjournment in April is an untidy book of 1340 pages of law and index. Just think what a terrible condition the state would be in if the book was only half as large—that only half as many laws had been passed.

Oregon's Wheat Crop Smaller; Nation's Larger

Total wheat production is now, estimated at 22,030,000 bushels, 12 percent less than the 1946 crop but 7 percent above the 10-year average. Winter wheat harvest is about completed and the yield per acre is placed at 22.0 bushels which is 4 bushels under a year ago and 2 bushels below average. Average yield of spring wheat is 23.5 bushels as compared with 24.0 a year ago and 22.4 the average. The total 1947 wheat crop in the three Northwest States of Oregon, Washington and Idaho is estimated at 130,619,000 bushels which compares with 132,904,000 bushels produced last year and the average of 101,065,000 bushels. A record wheat crop for the nation is indicated totalling 1,427,747,000 bushels. Feed grain production (corn, oats, barley and rye) in Oregon totals 22,576,000 bushels, 8 percent over 1946 and 23 percent above average. Yield per acre of feed grains is expected to be above average with corn at 38.0 bushels per acre; oats, 35 bushels per acre; barley, 34.5 bushels per acre and rye about average at 13.5 bushels per acre.

Auto Accident Rate Constant Threat

Delayed accident reports and death notices have boosted Oregon's traffic toll to 205 killed in the first half of 1947, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. has disclosed.

Ten more families have been added to the list for the first six months of the year to bring the total just nine deaths fewer than last year's record 214 for the same period.

With late reports continuing to come in, the score for June has reached 46 dead, Farrell reported. This is ten more persons killed than in June of 1940, formerly the worst June in the state's history.

Traffic men explained that some revisions occur when persons previously reported as injured actually die from the effects of an accident, and that other changes are necessary when tardy reports are received.

As proof of the growing danger of street and highway use, the number of motorists killed for each 100 million miles travelled jumped to over ten in June, compared with about seven in June of 1946.

"As usual, the worst killer is the open highway," Farrell said. "Oregon car travel is at an all time high and that travel will kill more Oregonians than ever before unless we do everything in our power to prevent it."

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FOUR WET B... While practically everyone else in the country was sweltering and squirming in the supercharged heat wave a while back, this foursome got cooled off with a sprinkling can wielded by Nurse Virginia McCormick at St. Agnes hospital in Baltimore, Md. The tots are quadruplets, born last December to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hens.

Old Timers Meet, Eat, Talk Over Days of Old When Sherman County Was Younger

Sherman countians and former Sherman countians met in Laurelhurst park in Portland last Sunday for their annual picnic. P. Waldo Davis played his musical bells to remind old timers of days long gone.

W. Ray Blake was elected president and Mrs. Mae Michaels secretary, between spells of visiting.

Present were: Mr and Mrs Theo Johnston, Mrs. Mary Southwick, Loy V. Cochran, Arthur Christianson, Dr and Mrs J. R. Morgan, Mr and Mrs R. C. Jones and son Richard, Mr and Mrs E. E. Silbray, Mrs. Etha Schilling, Mr and Mrs L. V. Walton, Mr and Mrs Ellsworth Woods, Mr and Mrs Claude Irons, Mr and Mrs Hershel Davis and girls, Mrs. Leota French, P. Waldo Davis, Mrs. Pearl Graham, Mrs. Helen Larson, Mr and Mrs Roy J. Baker, Ed Tomlin, Mr and Mrs A. Rose, Mrs. Lena Searcy, C. O. Merchant, Mrs. Geo. G. DeMoss, Charles T. Davis, Mrs. Jessie Mersinger, Mrs. Edith Reece, Mr Rachel Neece, Mrs. Dica Ost, Mr and Mrs Ira Willard, Mr and Mrs C. L. Ireland, Mr and Mrs W. Ray Blake, Mrs. Etha M. DeMoss, Mrs. Gertrude Merchant, W. S. Powell, Mr and Mrs D. L. Baker, Mr and Mrs Chas. Powell, Veda Westerfield, Grace I. Busch, A. H. Busch,

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Sherman County To Remain In Insurance List

Sherman county has been chosen as one of the five Oregon counties where the crop insurance program will be retained. Others are Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla and Union. Under the amended crop insurance law a limit is put on the counties in each state that may have insurance. Oregon was given a quota of five.

Taken into consideration in the picking of the counties was the importance of wheat to the county, facilities for administration crop insurance now in effect, amount of potential participation, the loss ratio in prior years.

Contracts now in force will remain operative through 1948. Soon agents will go over the county endeavoring to get business for the 1949 and future crops. It is expected that under the new law a better contract can be written wheat growers. Farmers who grow wheat as a sideline are now barred from obtaining insurance as are those counties that have poor records.

von Borstels Plan Convention Trip

Mr and Mrs Frank vonBorstel will leave the evening of August 22 by Streamliner from Maryhill Washington for the National Legion and Auxiliary convention to be held from August 28 to 31 inclusive in New York City. Mrs. vonBorstel, who is an Oregon past state president is an Oregon delegate to national convention, a member of the national committees on Rehabilitation, Permanent Organizations, Past President's Parley, and Post War Planning, and has been appointed by National President, Mrs. Norbert Pearl of Detroit, Michigan to act as one of the convention pages.

Mr VonBorstel is a delegate from Oregon to the National Legion convention.

Mr and Mrs vonBorstel will travel with a party composed of State Commander Jack Maris and Mrs. Marie of Roseburg, Junior Past Commander Fred Lohr and Mrs. Lohr of Portland and Mr and Mrs W. E. Wilkins of La Grande.

Their itinerary will include a stop over of one day each at Chicago and Washington D. C. on the way to convention. Following the convention the party will attend the Bathing Beauty Parade at Atlantic City to see the selection of Miss America. They will have stop overs in Philadelphia; Montreal, with a possible side trip to Quebec; Toronto, where they will enjoy a day's boat excursion across Lake Ontario to Niagara Falls; and Chicago.

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Moro's Water Woes Compounded By Pump Breakdown

Wednesday it was discovered that the cistern was dry again and that the city pump was broken. A call to Portland obtained a repair crew out of The Dalles early Thursday morning. It was thought the trouble came from a broken shaft, replacements for which the city has on hand. In any event repairs are being made as quickly as possible.

Marshall Beardsley, irked at the criticism given him over the unfortunate water situation tendered his resignation Thursday morning.

Sheriff Reports On Final Turnover

Sheriff Fields has made his last tax turnover for the 1946-47 fiscal year, covering the period from May 15 to August 15. Only a few taxes were being paid on the quarterly basis and inasmuch as there are almost no delinquent taxes in Sherman county the turnover was small.

For 1946-47 taxes the total was \$583.17 including \$4.36 interest. The 1945-46 taxes resulted in payments of \$334.78 including \$3.42 interest. Back of that there was but \$12.37 collected. From these meager sums no taxing unit will receive much. The sheriff reports that there is little over \$1000 in delinquent taxes for the past fiscal year.

Julia Hansen's Daughter Married

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. N. P. Hansen when her daughter was united in marriage to Martin C. Lind on August 16, at 3 p. m.

The couple exchanged vows before a fireplace decorated with ferns and pink and white gladioli. Mrs. R. E. Storey (Ethel Lewellen) played the wedding march. Rev. Sheldon O. Price, Presbyterian minister of Wenatchee, Washington performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a wine colored wool crepe suit with beige accessories and was attended by Mrs. Stanley Makalin, the groom's sister. Mr. Makalin was best man. About forty relatives were present.

At the reception which followed, Mrs. Gladys Knox cut ices. Mrs. Russell Makalin poured and Mrs. Claude Irons of Pendleton cut the wedding cake.

After a motor trip in California Mr and Mrs Lind will make their home in Portland.

Mrs. Lind is a daughter of the late N. P. Hansen formerly of Moro.

Midco Cattle Sale To Include 77 Animals This Year

Entry list for the Midco sale closed this week with 75 lots entered. This makes a total of 77 animals to be put up for sale, there being one pen of three bulls. Of the 77, 38 are bulls and 39 are cows.

The show will be held at the fair grounds Friday, September 26 beginning at 10 a. m. with Prof. C. W. Hickman of the University of Idaho as the judge. The following afternoon the lots will be sold with the first cry of the sale being at 1:30 when H. B. Sager, last year's auctioneer, takes the rostrum.

This year there are many more stockmen sending entries and they are from a much larger area. A small proportion are from Sherman county. Counties represented include Marion, Klamath, Grant, Wheeler and there are some entries from Washington.

Included in the sale are 55 Herefords, 14 Shorthorns and 8 Angus.

This year the sale will be held a week after the Sherman county fair and two days will be used for the stock show and sale alone. Miller & Teale of Spokane are managers of the event.

The last year's sale was generally satisfactory with the average price paid for bulls being \$481 and for cows \$388. Top prices were \$1800 for bull and \$1050 for a heifer.

With the wider breadth of territory represented in the sale it is expected that more buyers will be here for the 1947 sale and that even larger prices will be paid. The market for beef being what it is should also be conducive to good prices for good animals.

Mrs George McKay Honored On Birthday

A birthday dinner and family reunion was held Sunday at the home of Mr and Mrs E. C. Smith in honor of Mrs. George McKay's 63rd birthday. Following a bountiful dinner which was climaxed with an angel food birthday cake Mrs. McKay opened her gifts. With the exception of two sons, Jack and Claude McKay, all of Mrs. McKay's children were present. Those attending beside the honor guest were her husband, George McKay, Mr and Mrs Cratty and children of Napa, California, Mr and Mrs Jay McKay and family, Mr and Mrs Ray McKay and family, Harley McKay, Mr and Mrs Lind and family of Sweet Redmond, Mr and Mrs Ben Leatherwood and family of Sweet Home, Mr and Mrs Bert Cox of Grass Valley, Mr and Mrs Walt Carson and family of Wauke, Mrs. Maude Cunningham and son, and Mrs. Mary Powell and children. Mrs. John Decker and daughter, Mrs. Allan Bekkadalh were Sunday evening callers at the E. C. Smith home to extend birthday greetings to Mrs. McKay.

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Miss Delores Semler arrived Thursday from Toledo for a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Belle Hogue.

Mrs. J. E. Norton and children, Carol and Wiley and Miss Gertrude Hogue motored to The Dalles last Tuesday on a business trip.

A crew from the Union Pacific Railway Co. started wrecking the Kent depot Monday. The building was erected in 1905 when the railroad first came to Kent. The Railway Co. has announced that it will start work on a new building as soon as the debris from the present one is cleared away.

Miss Barbara Love who has been visiting for the past several weeks at the Amandus von Borstel home returned to Newburg Saturday. She was accompanied by Miss Mary Louise von Borstel who expects to visit there for some time.

Mr and Mrs Amandus von Borstel motored to Portland Sunday. Mrs. von Borstel attended a picnic at Washougal and Mr. von Borstel and sons, Philip and Fred attended the double header baseball game between Portland and San Diego.

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board of prisoners, \$10.68; Hotel Moro Coffee Shop, board of prisoners \$4.15; J. Ed Eaves Jr., board of prisoners, \$2.65; West Coast Printing & Binding Co., Clerk's office expense, \$57.75; Sup't office, \$3.50, \$61.25; The J. K. Gill Co., Sup't office expense, \$2.87; W. E. Finzer & Co., Sup't office expense \$4.50; Public Affairs Committee, Sup't office expense, \$2.00; Anaejan Knighten, Sup't office help, less tax \$124.30; Sherman County Journal, County Printing, \$52.20; Department of Agriculture, sealer, weights and measures \$2.56; F. L. Phipps Executive Secretary, Public Lands Dues, \$5.00; National Hospital Association, August dues on employees, \$9.00; First National Bank, with-holding tax, \$120.50; Public Employees Retirement System, retirement fund, \$160.54; The Dalles Taxi Co., ambulance service for L. E. Fickel, \$27.95; The Dalles General Hospital, hospital bill of L. E. Fickel, \$45.45; Jessie's Flower Shop, flowers for Bargenholt funeral, \$7.50; Counties Cricket Control Ass'n., expenses for cricket control in Sherman County, \$226.30; The Frank Sheppard Co., law library expense, \$18.00; West Publishing Co., Law Library expense, \$84.00; The American Law Book Co., law library expense, \$78.00; Bancroft Whitney Co., Law Library expense, \$66.50; State Industrial Accident Commission, peace officer's protection, \$4.75; Elizabeth Hartley, Assessor's office help, \$15.04; J. C. Freeman, P. M. stamps Clerk's office, \$10.00; W. T. Balsiger, insurance, \$316.67.

ROAD FUND

Road Employees Pay Roll—J. W. Coons, \$265.40; C. S. Rice, \$210.20; C. Bargenholt, \$143.37; E. McPherson, \$159.74; Frank Bazzel, \$201.92; Buck Laramie, \$163.67; Carl Scherrer, \$140.12; Virgil Stiles, \$53.00.

ACCOUNT—Secretary of State, miscellaneous, \$2.00; Flatt's Truck Service, miscellaneous, \$8.49; Public Employees Retirement, retirement, \$161.82; First National Bank, with-holding tax, \$130.60; State Industrial Accident Commission, miscellaneous, \$36.97; Sherman Motor & Equipment Co., tires and tubes \$167.80, miscellaneous, \$3.50; Gen. Supplies \$14.66, Repairs, \$10.70, \$196.66; J. E. Haseltine & Co., general supplies, \$27.07; R. H. McKean & Son, general supplies, \$30.00; Colyear Motor Sales Co., general supplies \$200.94; Armo Drainage and Metal Products Co., general supplies, \$8.57; Howard Cooper Corp., general supplies \$64.57; repairs, \$31.58, \$96.15; Nelson Equipment Co., general supplies, \$142.67; J. K. McKean & Co., tires & tubes \$45.63, Machinery purchase \$146.00, miscellaneous, \$51.50, repairs \$55.84, \$1612.97; Stadelman-Bonn Hardware Co., general supplies \$9.95; Misener Bros. & Glidner, tires & tube \$2.00, miscellaneous, \$15.00 repairs, \$25.00, \$42.00; Central Machine & Welding Works, repairs \$5.50; V. C.

Genteman, repairs, \$123.95; Motor Supply & Equipment Co., repairs, \$2.29; Smith Auto Parts Co., repairs, \$15.14; Clyde Equipment Co., repairs \$26.95; Interstate Tractor & Equipment Co., repairs, \$13.93; George B. Moon, machinery purchase, \$750.00, general supplies, \$54.51, \$804.51; Freedon-Valvoline Oil Co., gas & oil, \$43.46; Flatt's Truck Service, miscellaneous, \$107.20; Moro Lumbar & Fuel Co., miscellaneous, \$37.75; Pike's Garage, gas & oil, \$1.25; Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., miscellaneous, \$8.05; J. F. Foss, miscellaneous, \$0.75; Pacific Power & Light, misc, \$8.51; City of Moro, miscellaneous, \$3.50; C. S. Rice, miscellaneous, \$16.61; Union Oil Co., gas & oil, \$167.70; Sherman County Revolving Fund, weed control, \$12.00; Standard Oil Co., gas & oil, \$80.41; W. T. Balsiger, insurance, \$444.42; National Hospital Association miscellaneous, \$3.00.

CONDENSED REPORT OF COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS DURING MEETING HELD AUGUST 6, 1947.

Claims against County General and General Road funds allowed as presented.

Monthly statement of County Treasurer showing fund balance as of July 31, presented and filed.

Semi-annual report of County Treasurer covering period January 1, 1946 to June 30, 1947 inclusive, approved and filed.

Action deferred on claim presented for indemnity for Bang's diseased cattle slaughtered.

Petition of Monkland Telephone Company, asking for right to construct and designation of requirements for construction of telephone line along Monkland and Hay Canyon roads, referred to L. L. Peetz for investigation and report.

Deed executed by court granting tax foreclosed property in Moro to L. R. Conlee et ux.

Court directs that County Treasurer convert State Fund War Bonds, in sum of \$4,500.00 into cash and to transfer the proceeds, plus any accumulated interest, to County General Fund; also to transfer State Fund cash balance in sum of \$569.59 to County General Fund; also to convert Malt Beverage War Bonds in sum of \$1,000.00 into cash and to transfer the proceeds plus any accumulated interest thereon to County General Fund; also to transfer Malt Beverage Fund cash balance in sum of \$1,887.17 to County General Fund.

Court directs Road Foreman to eliminate one curve on Monkland road and to make otherwise desired improvements in connection therewith.

In the matter of allowing county employees prior service credit benefits for any designated time employed prior to July 1, 1946, in connection with the Public Employees Retirement System: No prior service credit benefits allowed.

No further matters being at issue court adjourned.