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These Things We Note

by Giles L. French

The Columbia river after acting like a bull in a china shop for a month is receding and becoming tractable again and soon will be a peaceful avenue of trade and commerce which men can traverse with their boats and cross with their ferries and block with their dams. But no one who saw it at its height and can remember its destruction will forget what it can do to all man-made things when angry.

SHADOWS is a little magazine published once a month by the inmates of the Oregon State penitentiary. Its editors change frequently as the position is not one that permanently attracts. Not very many newspaper men or office workers get inside the grey walls as non-paying guests but there are enough, apparently, to put out the magazine.

Often, as in the July issue, there is criticism of individualism, rugged or otherwise. Isn't that odd. Too much of individualism, likely as not, is what put the writer where he is.

Individualism is fine and it should be encouraged but not allowed to go on unrestrained. With it must be mixed a social conscience or it does run riot and get the possessor in strange and unhappy places.

Perhaps no characteristic is entirely bad. It is excess of it that makes them a menace. An entirely unselfish person would soon be a public charge and a very selfish person runs afoul of the law. Some one has written that a fault is a virtue overdone. It is balance and temperance that keeps us on the even keel.

Fishermen are slightly agog because the Deschutes river is clearing up after a high and muddy spring. Before the settlement of central Oregon it used to be said that the Deschutes never varied over four feet in a year and silt seldom darkened the water. But man has stirred the volcanic ash of the high plains and now it gets in the river.

Politicians are talking about taking steps to stop the erosion that fills rivers with silt, and soon scientists will also be writing learned discourses about the same subject. More dams, trashy fallow, cover crop, grass agriculture have all been advocated and all are pretty expensive in one way or another. A simple way to stop it in a few years would be complete elimination of man. He's the bird that starts erosion.

Cattle are different than they were a few years ago. Men and even children can walk about in a whole corral full of them. In fifty or a hundred there are none with the wild and suspicious eye range cows used to have when around buildings and people. If bulls toss dirt over their backs it is because of flies (DDT care for that) and not an aggressive and expressive anger.

Maybe it's just as well for people seem milder, too and less inclined to violence. Something has been lost thereby. Dishonest and disreputable men are able to get by with crimes, legal or social, for which they would have been quietly shot a few years ago and the shooter acclaimed a hero or defender of family and honor. We have tacitly succumbed to law and order and unpunished immorality.

Time softens many things, including memories. Miseries become pleasant things to boast about, pleasures are played down or recounted lightly. Yet people don't change much. Actions that were wrong at one time are still wrong despite the efforts of time to gloss them over.

It is now suggested that farmers of Sherman county move the clocks up a full month so that harvest can be started before the wheat gets wet again.



MONKEY SHINES . . . Three pickets, emulating the three fabulous monkeys who "see no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil," are shown in front of the Republican national headquarters in Washington as they protested against the Mundt-Nixon anti-Communist bill. Whether they meant to apply the three monkeys symbolism to the anti-Red bill or to their own sentiments is not clear. Also, they aren't lined up in the correct "see, hear, speak" order. Still, it wasn't a bad stunt as stunts go these days.

Art Barnum Dies Of Heart Attack

A. H. Barnum, 70, pioneer and native son of Sherman county, died in a hospital in The Dalles Tuesday, June 29 from a long standing heart ailment.

Artimus Henry Barnum was born at the home of his mother's parents west of Wasco June 2, 1878, a son of Henry Barnum, first settler of Moro and Elmira Massiker whose parents came in 1862. He received his education in Moro schools and at a Portland business college.

Mr. Barnum in early 1903 was married to Maggie Farra at Moro. They lived on a stock ranch in Grass Valley canyon from that time until their retirement to Moro about five years ago.

The deceased was responsible for bringing the first purebred herd of Hereford cattle to Sherman county and with them he made the stock shows in the west. He was one of the men who started the Sherman county fair and with L. L. Peetz graded the present race track. He was fair board member, president or advisor for 30 years. He was also a breeder of heavy draft horses and established alfalfa on the creek bottoms of his place years ago. As producer and trainer of race horses he contributed much to county fairs until the last few years when he was unable to compete although an active member of the Sherman County Riders until this spring.

Surviving are his widow, three sons, Henry of Moro, Orville and Ted of Portland, three grand daughters and one grandson, one brother, Elvin of Moro and a sister Mrs. L. L. Peetz of Moro and three half sisters Mrs. Hazel Lake and Mrs. Echo Bartlett of Bend and Mrs. Leola Church of The Dalles.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 2, at two o'clock from the Community church at Moro with Rev. W. W. Gearhart conducting the service. Interment will be in the Odd-Fellows cemetery.

About the County about folks you do know or would enjoy knowing

Young folks of college age, Darrington, Wash., stopped in most of whom are attending col-Moro Wednesday to visit briefly, were guests at the Dewey with his cousin, Mrs. Dewey Thompson home Sunday morning Thompson while on their way on at a breakfast. Mrs. W. W. Gearhart assisted. Guests were Harold Wayne and Millard Melzer, Bob Hoskinson, Alan Pinkerton, Kenneth Searcy, Anajean Knighten, Gloria Douma, Priscilla Melzer, Don, Keith and Alan Thompson.

The ball game between Bonneville and Sherman county junior Legion baseball team scheduled for next Saturday will not be played because too many players are busy working.

Wily Knighten is home from a short stay in the hospital and feeling better.

Mr and Mrs Miles Barager came Saturday from Stanfield to visit

Child Killed In Scalding Water Pool At Brietenbush

Jerry M. Wilson III, four year old son of Mr and Mrs Jerry M. Wilson Jr. was killed Wednesday at Brietenbush Hot Springs when he fell into one of the hot pools while scuffling with a playmate.

With his parents and his grandparents and other members of his family the child was on a holiday at the springs. He was covered to his neck in the scalding water and was pulled out by his cousin, Kelly. He was started for a hospital at Bend but died while on the way.

In addition to his parents he leaves two smaller sisters of his immediate family. Funeral services will be held Saturday at two o'clock at the Kent Christian church with interment in the Kent cemetery.

Ed Sells Ed's Place To Richard O'Meara

Pending final approval by the state liquor commission Ed J. Eaves Jr. has sold his restaurant to Richard H. O'Meara of Wasco, who will conduct it under the same name, Ed's Place.

The eating house and club was opened last January after extensive remodeling by Mr. Eaves, who came here from Arizona. Mr. O'Meara is a son of P. J. O'Meara of Wasco and has been a lifelong resident of Sherman county.

Shriners Plan Concert To Aid Hospital

First public appearance of The Dalles schools' modern rhythm band together with a trumpet trio, under the direction of Sam F. Kerbs, music director, will feature the program of entertainment for the July meeting of the Mid-Columbia Shrine club at the Gold room in The Dalles this Friday night, July 2. A number of Sherman county Shriners are expected to attend.

A program of "swing" music will be offered by the 12 young musicians in the band immediately following the dinner, set for 7 p. m.

At the business session club members will discuss a proposal for furnishing fresh and canned fruit and flour to the Portland Shriners hospital for crippled children and consider plans for a picnic and also a trip to the hospital.

Oregonians Drive Faster Than Most

Recent highway speed studies by the Public Roads Administration reveal that Oregonians drive faster than the national average, but have reduced speeds slightly since 1946 while the nation as a whole registered an increase, Secretary of State Earl Newberry has reported.

The report gives Oregon's average 1947 passenger car speed as 51.7 miles per hour against a national 42.2 average. Comparable figures for 1946 were 52.0 and 43.9 for the state and 47.8 and 40.2 for the nation.

Automatic traffic recorders on Oregon's main highways during March of this year show a 7.4 per cent volume increase over 1947. For the same period, the national figure was up 9.5 percent.

Mr and Mrs Curt Tom and her sister and brother in law, Mr and Mrs Dick Youcum.

Mrs Paul May, chairman of the Red Cross for Sherman county, reports that although there was no drive for additional funds for relief of Sherman county flood sufferers the Eastern Oregon Land company through J. B. Adams had recently sent a check for \$75 for that purpose.

A health association's doctor from Klickitat county came Monday to Rufus to give the first of a series of three shots for typhoid fever. He will be in Rufus the next two consecutive Mondays. Thirty-two people of the community took advantage of the free service.

Stock Tour Finds Improved Cattle Herds Here

Inspection of the many herds of purebred cattle in Sherman county was done last Friday when guests of the Western Livestock Journal made the previously announced rounds.

First stop of the morning was at the Ralph Eakin ranch where the new herd of purebred Herefords with Diamond M Domino 11th as herd sire was shown. This was fairly early in the morning by daylight saving time.

At the next stop, Elton and Owen Eakin's on the old home place, the crowd had increased. Here were shown several bulls of all ages including Zona Lad and a number of his calves. The cow herd includes many cows that have been bought from sales all over the northwest and in addition there is a sizeable commercial herd.

At Harold Eakins his herd bull from North Dakota, Domino Heir 121st, was shown again with two of his small bull calves that indicated the quality of his breeding. A bunch of yearling heifers were of uniform quality and showed the kind of stock Harold is striving to produce.

After lunch in Grass Valley the tour party went to the Fred Cox pasture to see his cows and calves, mostly out of Aldarra Trix. At his place was his new bull, Aldarra Princeps 11th which he recently bought from the J-J ranch at Seattle, Wn. Also shown was a cow and calf by this bull that had been bought by Ernest Sires of Hermiston. Don and Fred Cox told of the breeding of their bulls. The Western Livestock Journal in reporting the J-J sale says "Fred Cox and Son of Grass Valley, Oregon acquired what appeared to be one of the bargains of the year" in speaking of Aldarra Princeps 11th.

At Millard Eakin's Shorthorn ranch the show string was tied up for display and Millard told of the pedigrees of the young animals and later separated his cows and calves to speak of them individually. He expects to show at Moro, Salem, Portland and San Francisco with what he feels is his best show string ever.

Bob Teale was leader of the party, and Nelson R. Crow, editor, was a member of the party, as was W. L. Bashford, cattle insurance man. Others from outside the county were M. L. Wightman of Heppner, J. R. Breese and son and wives of Prineville, Carroll Barker and Mr and Mrs. Henry Jaeger and Bill Jaeger of Condon.

LeRoy Wright talked of the animals in the different herds.

Minerals Help Beef Production

Minerals and better breeding may play a new role in cheaper beefsteak production.

That's the opinion of Harry Lindgren, OSC extension animal husbandman, who has recently reviewed results of mineral feeding experiments conducted by the Malheur Branch Experiment Area at Ontario. Tests carried on there indicate steers fatten faster and more cheaply on a ration containing a mineral, though Lindgren points out that no hard and fast rules may be drawn from one test.

In the Malheur feeding experiment carried on by Neil Hoffman, station superintendent, and Charles Custer, feeder, four pens of eight Hereford steers each were fed the following rations: Pen one was fed chopped alfalfa, corn and bone meal. Pen two received the same without the bone meal. Pen three was fed chopped alfalfa, barley and bone meal, and pen four received the same without the mineral.

Entering the feed lot, the 32 steers included in the test averaged 880 pounds each; they weighed out at an average of 1125 pounds each, or an average gain of 245 pounds. In the top pen, the lowest weight gain was put on by an animal that gained 215 pounds. The top animal gained 315 pounds. The top and bottom weight gains in pen one were 180 and 325; pen two, 135 and 280 pounds; and pen four 160 and 280 pounds.

Midco Sale Depends On Consignment Progress To Sept.

Directors of the Midco sale group met at Millard Eakin place after the show tour demonstration and decided to hold the annual show and sale at the fair grounds on November 1, providing at least 75 head of cattle were consigned to the show.

The contingent provision was made because newly organized groups are holding similar sales within a few hundred miles and there may not be enough cattle entered to make a sale feasible.

Republicans Rally Around Picnic Table

Republicans gathered at the DeMoss park Sunday afternoon for a picnic, a visit and a comparison of views about the new presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

The food was excellent, the visiting friendly and the opinions highly in favor of the ticket and its potential opportunities for the west. Mrs Frank von Borstel presided as president of the Republican Women. Stewart Hardie republican nominee for state senator, was here from Condon with his family and was introduced. The program was given by local persons. Mrs Howard Conlee, county chairman, received congratulations on her election as presidential elector. Present was Lester Wilson, nominee for county commissioner.

Hood River Legion Climb Scheduled

The one national event in which any novice may climb a major U. S. peak will again be staged this year at the 24th annual Mt. Hood Legion Climb on July 17 and 18.

Sponsored by Hood River American Legion Post No. 22, the climb is expected to draw possibly 5,000 people. Most of these attend to watch the climb "strings" make an eight-hour trek to Hood's top (elevation 11,252 feet) and return. But the annual Camp show on Saturday night, July 17, which features top-notch entertainment performing in Legion Camp's natural amphitheater, is a drawing card in itself.

As many as 22 states have been represented by climbers and vacationists who have attended this two-day show at Legion Camp, located 24 miles south of Hood River just off the Mt. Hood Loop highway.

Water Makes Garden Grow; Not Cackle Shells

Water makes the difference between a good garden and one that's disappointing both in yield and quality.

King says beginning gardeners, especially, usually stop before the watering job is finished. Light waterings often do more harm than good, because feeding roots are brought to the surface where only a few hours of dry, hot weather can burn them seriously.

Each garden irrigation should include enough water to moisten the soil completely to the depth the roots penetrate. This means two or three feet.

The soils specialist says gardens may be sprinkled; the water may be applied in furrows, or it may be applied directly to the soil through a pipe or hose. The method of applying water makes little difference to the growing crop.

Time of irrigation is important, however, King states.

To apply enough water during a single irrigation, Kings says it is often necessary to keep a sprinkler in one spot 8 or 12 hours. Furrow watering may also take a similar period of time.

To determine if enough water has been applied, King suggests either digging down with a shovel, box or similar garden tool, or shoving a stick down where soil is soft.

If garden has ample moisture, yields go up and the vegetables are crisp and tender. Plants continue to yield over a period of several weeks instead of a brief period. The soils specialist also points out that continued irrigations make it possible to obtain full benefit from fertilizers, King concludes.

Duane Eakin Takes Grand Championship

The second Eastern Oregon Wheat League show and sale for 4-H club boys and girls ended Wednesday night with a sale that, aided by high prices for all meat animals, brought good revenue to the youngsters who have been feeding wheat to steers, hogs and sheep this spring.

Duane Eakin had the grand champion steer, a heavy Shorthorn. Eleanor Corning was reserve with an Angus. Sherman county had the best county herd. Sharon Martin had the best Hereford steer.

The sale was considered successful by the large number of Sherman county residents who attended. Price for the grand champion was \$1.25 per pound and the average price held close to 37 cents. The top sheep went for \$1.75 per pound and prices were all above 75 cents a pound for sheep. Although the top hog brought but 55 cents others went well above that figure.

Diane Christianson won first in the pen of lambs, third in sheep showmanship and had the grand champion sheep of the show as well as the first and third place in Southdowns or Shrops. Joan Oveson was fifth, Steven Oveson sixth, Mary Oveson ninth in sheep showmanship. Steven Oveson was 2nd. Joan Oveson 4th. Mary Oveson 5th. Alfred Kock 7th in the Shrop class.

Merle Eakin took 2nd with his pen of hogs and was first in one class of hogs and had reserve champion. He was also second in hog showmanship. Eleanor Corning of Baker county bested him in hog events.

Sherman county winners in showmanship contests were: Hereford senior, Sharon Martin 2nd. Dick Oveson, 5th. Diane Christianson 6th, Alfred Kock 7th; Intermediate class, Leroy Martin, 1st, Billy Root 5th; junior class, Steve Oveson 1st, David Wright 3rd, Buddy Root 4th, Norman Fridley 8th.

Angus: Scott Fritts 3rd; Junior Edwin Balsiger 1st, Larry Kaseberg 3rd, Douglas Alley 5th. Shorthorn: Junior Merle Eakin 1st, Duane Eakin 4th.

There were five classes of Herefords and two each of Angus and Shorthorn and only three of these classes were judged Tuesday.

Edwin Balsiger took first as junior showman with his Angus steer. Merle Eakin was second with a Shorthorn and Steven Oveson third. Eleanor Corning was adjudged the best showman, having won the senior class and the championship.

The banquet for show sponsors and parents of contestants was held Tuesday night at The Dalles Hotel with W. S. Nelson as toastmaster. Very short talks were given by many of the guests and all were introduced. Feature of the dinner was the introduction of five club children who won honors during the days judging.

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By Mrs Maude Garrett

Mrs Maude Garrett and son, Bill were in The Dalles Thursday she remaining until Friday.

Miss Margaret Olson was here from Madras visiting. Miss Leona Lang returned with her for several days visit.

Special speakers at the church Sunday were Rev Lawrence Todd and Mrs Todd and her brother, LeRoy Spoor. The trio are getting ready for the mission field in Malaya about which they were very earnest. Mr and Mrs Bill Todd accompanied them.

Mrs Glade Carrigan and daughter, Pat, and Mrs W. A. Rees and grandson, Dick, spent Sunday at Bear Springs attending the Guyton family picnic.

Charles Browning is in Seattle working for a short time.

Mr and Mrs Wesley Fine are here from San Jose, California visiting his mother. Sunday Harold and E. A. Fine and their families were guests at the home of Mrs Amanda Fine.

Bob Garrett, who is working at the Joe Ritner garage in Grass Valley was home Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Leo Land picniced and fished on the Deschutes river Sunday.

Don Schmidt came home Friday from attendance at the 4-H summer school at Corvallis.