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BETTER STOCK

Opinion is unanimous that cattle herds in this section are better than last year. One doesn't need to be an expert to discern this, and in any case the experts agree that improvement is readily apparent.

Livestock observers say that all cattle herds have improved because the high market price makes it possible to cull out poorer cattle at a profit and good conditions have made it easy to keep bulls of quality for a long period of time.

Visitors at the farms that played host to the livestock tour last Friday all felt that improvement was readily discernible. The herds looked more even in quality although the best may not have been better. The average was higher.

This is an encouraging condition, especially for those who have felt that Sherman county cattle men were a bunch of amateurs who were using wheat profits to finance a livestock venture. It now appears that they would be able to compete successfully no matter what happened to wheat—and a low price might stimulate the cattle business.

DEWEY AND WARREN

One must admit that a little listening will convince one that the Republican ticket is popular. A great many people seem pleased with it and, regardless of political affiliation, expect to vote for it. Nothing like it has been noted since 1932.

There is pleasure over the selection because Dewey has a reputation as an administrator—a characteristic the nation has long needed. Warren, too, has efficiently managed California and is expected to contribute more to good administration than the vice president usually is able to do.

The west, and especially Oregon, expects to get more attention from the national government than ever before. This means much to western development in irrigation, in power dams and in transportation. Because the Oregon nominating election was the turning point in the Dewey campaign he naturally feels an interest and an affection (if that is the word) for this state that will make it easier for us to present problems to the chief executive.

In international affairs both men are listed in the interventionist wing, to the extent that they will favor continuation of the Marshall plan. How much farther they would go in meddling with the internal affairs of European nations will not be known until their terms are ended. The wave of isolationist sentiment now becoming apparent will temper if not change the decision of nearly all politicians. It is probably as good a ticket as could have been chosen and it is difficult to see how two others, from any party, could be found as qualified to govern the United States at this stage of its history.

WHEAT CROP

There is agreement that the 1948 wheat crop might well be the biggest the county has ever produced. The price is such that it might also bring larger returns than any previous wheat crop. Four million bushels of wheat could pay \$8,000,000 to Sherman county farmers and that sum divided among 2000 people is a good income.

That is the economics of the situation—and most satisfactory. Satisfying, also, is the fact, that weather conditions have been so favorable that the land was enabled to produce a big crop. The rain has been plentiful, the sun delayed but sufficient, the frost not effective. The farming has been of the kind that brings good crops with fairly good weather, and the kind that produces excellent crops in the superlative weather we have enjoyed.

And while farmers like their dollars as well as any, they also take pride in doing their job well and getting 40 bushels on 20 bushel land is an accomplishment as worthy of cheers as any feat of sport or agriculture. It is soul satisfying to know that the job is well done and perhaps

that will bring as much pride and joy as the ownership of some hastily tax-spent dollars.

FOURTH OF JULY

Next Sunday the nation will celebrate what used to be known as the "Glorious Fourth of July" in the days when celebrations were fewer and less restrained.

A holiday of stiff store clothes, lengthy speeches, a sunburned Goddess of Liberty, pink lemonade all punctuated with fire crackers and made tolerable with fried chicken has been changed into one of picnics, fishing trips and few, if any, of the old gestures toward patriotic observance.

There has never been any better time for Americans to give active assurance of their patriotism. Perhaps this can be done without all of the fapfare of another day but there were some things about the old way of taking note of the nation's birthday that served a purpose.

For one thing there was always a reading of the Declaration of Independence. We think that it should be read at least once a year and that the proper time for it is the Fourth of July.

Perhaps there is a feeling that the liberties our forefathers declared for themselves are slightly out of date but upon them is based the ones we now enjoy. It took the first ten amendments to the Constitution to get them all set down neat and proper and they have stuck. They are still with us, and heaven help the man or party who tries to remove them. The men who wrote out the Declaration of Independence started it all on that warm summer day when they put their names to the document written by that young red head from Virginia, Thomas Jefferson. They were hunted men until the soldiers of Washington had freed the country.

Sometimes it seems that we still do not entirely realize that we do actually govern ourselves and are the masters of our fate. We are inclined to lay our troubles at the hands of others, to blame some one else, but in the long run the people still rule even if—as in a few particular cases—they do vote improvements and then vote down the necessary appropriations.

Think of the thrill a citizen behind the iron curtain might get by reading and realizing that these principles had been adopted: "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."

Hitch hikers are ingenious persons. One night this week one of the most enterprising had a reflecting sign LA to signify his destination to drivers who might not have noted him in the dark.

In Other Days

From the Observer, July 2, 1909
 Married at the home of Claude Thompson, Monkland, June 29, R. W. Belshee and Miss Coila Kesinger. There were thirty-five present.

Miss Julia DeMoss and Rev. Robert Brymer were married June 25 at the bride's home near Forest Grove. They will make their home in Portland.

L. Barnum took a party over to Badger creek fishing last week with splendid results.

The way trains connect at Biggs now, passengers have ample time both coming and going for dinner at The Biggs with Mr and Mrs J. J. Heckard.

From the G. V. J. July 4, 1919
 In the parade on the morning of the 4th Miss Lola Guyton of Kent will be the Goddess of Victory and Miss Emma Folda will be the Goddess of Liberty.

F. V. Galloway of Salem will deliver the 4th of July oration at Grass Valley.

David McKelvey and Alex McLennan were in town Tuesday morning on their way to Portland.

Mrs H.A. Sommers and children, who have been spending the winter in Portland returned home last week.

L. W. Amick and daughter, Rosa, went to Corvallis Sunday. Rosa will attend school there.

From the Observer July 5, 1929
 Mr and Mrs Ted Ball left by the steamer sailing July 6th for Honolulu where he will teach school the next two years under government contract.

L. L. Tomlin of Moro and Miss Edna Faulk of Maupin, were married July 2, at the home of the bride's father at Fairview.

Mr and Mrs A. M. Wright and Mrs L. J. Cope, sister of Mrs W. visiting in Moro spent the 4th driving over the Columbia highway.

ALL THE LIVELONG DAY...

HENRY SUBURBAN reaches out at 7 a.m. of a bright May morning to turn off the alarm clock (price: \$6; tax \$1.20). Accompanied by the trebling of birds, he climbs wearily out of bed (price: \$195; annual personal property tax, 75¢), walks across the floor of his \$8,000 house (annual general property tax, \$240), and switches on the electricity (33¢ tax on his \$10 monthly bill) which lights the bulb (price: 20¢; tax, 4¢).

To music from a bedroom radio (price: \$30; tax, \$3), Henry shaves with his electric (see above) razor. As a radio newscaster reports that Henry's state is preparing to increase income taxes and impose a general sales tax on everything anyone buys, Henry slaps across his jewels a handful of bay rum (price: \$1.30; tax, 26¢).

He dresses quickly, hurriedly fastening cuff links (price: \$3.50; tax, 70¢), and tie clasp (price: \$1.50; tax, 30¢), puts on his Swiss wrist watch (price: \$70; tax, \$14*), and rushes downstairs. Tucked under one arm is a leather briefcase (price: \$18; tax, \$3.60) which carries papers from his real estate office, including one deed property valued at \$3,000; stamp tax, \$3.30).

In the kitchen, he's just in time to snatch two slices of bread from the electric toaster (price: \$16; tax, \$1.60), lift his coffee from the gas stove (price: \$190; tax, \$19), and grab a glass of fruit juice from the refrigerator (price: \$300; tax, \$30).

A glance out of the window shows it's raining, so he calls to his wife (marriage license, \$2) to telephone (monthly bill: \$12; tax, \$2.05) for a taxi. Too many other people want taxis on a wet morning so Henry gets out his own car (price: \$1,000; tax, \$126**) and drives (operator's license, \$1) to the railroad station.

Henry relaxes at the station with a cigarette (price per pack: 8¢; Federal tax, 7¢), lit by a match (tax: 5/16¢ per 1,000). Aboard the train, Henry gives the conductor his ticket (price: 85¢; tax, 13¢) and settles down to a hand of bridge with three cronies, using of course, a deck of cards (price: 40¢; tax, 13¢).

In the city on his way to the office, Henry stops to buy a roll of camera film (price: 20¢; tax, 3¢) that he promised his son (birth registration: \$1), and the lipstick (price: \$1; tax, 20¢) he promised his wife. Because there are friends coming to his house in the evening, he buys a bottle of whiskey (price: \$2.30; tax, \$2.60).

Arriving eventually at the office, Henry sighs (no tax) and settles to a day's work (annual income: \$5,000; Federal and state income tax, \$510). If he works hard for the rest of his life, he will be able to provide the government with a handsome slice of inheritance tax. And if he dies in a state that is fiscally tolerant, he can take comfort in the thought that his casket (provided it costs less than \$100—will be exempt from any sales tax.

* Not counting customs duty.
 ** Plus annual registration of \$8; tax of 5¢ on each pound of a new tire; tax of 5 per cent on each new part or accessory; state and Federal gasoline tax average: 5 1/4¢ per gallon.

State and local taxes vary. You may pay more or less than Henry's urban. Reprinted from TAX OUTLOOK

Strikers Return To Wasco After Seeing Wedding

Mrs Ted Everett

Mr and Mrs A. T. Striker returned home June 23rd from Tulare, California where they attended the wedding of her nephew Richard Eastman to Miss Frances Gill, at a large home wedding, June 19th. Following the ceremony there was a reception at the brides parents, Mr and Mrs George Gill.

Mrs Harvey C. Eastman, the groom's mother came over from Honolulu to attend the wedding. She is Mrs Striker's sister. They had not seen each other for 14 years and had a very happy reunion.

After Mr. Eastman finishes next term at the University of California, he and his bride plan to return to Honolulu to make their home.

Mr and Mrs Kenneth Blau were in Eugene the 19th and 20th of June to attend the wedding of Miss Nonda Pirtle. Mrs Blau was one of Miss Pirtle's four attendants.

Mrs Saddle Rich and Mrs Marjorie Van Gilder went to Gresham Saturday where Mrs Van Gilder planned to show two half Arabian colts. Mr Nifty and Co met Ferris, at the Arabian Horse Show June 27th.

Mrs K. R. Ferguson and daughters, Nancy, Sally, Judy and Susan spent last week at the home of Mrs Ferguson's mother, Mrs Lydia Darby. Mr. Ferguson came up Friday evening and they went back to Portland Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Ed Feldman went to Hermiston June 19th to visit their son in law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Walter Maffel. Mr Feldman returned home Saturday and Mrs Feldman Thursday.

Mrs LeRoy Belshee entertained a group of young people at her home last Saturday afternoon in celebration of her daughter, Jeanette's 7th birthday. Those present were Sally Fields, Mary Drinkard, Shirley and Phyllis Watkins, Betty Lou and Mary Ann Haven, Darlene and Sterling Gochbauer, Caroline and David Tom and Geraldine Holzafel. Mrs Vinton Watkins and Miss

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Danna Watkins gave a kitchen shower for Miss Barbara Jean Richards last Friday evening at the Vinton Watkins home. Story book dolls were used to decorate the mantel showing the bride and party. Pink roses were used for the centerpiece on the table. Coffee and cake were served buffet style after Miss Richards had opened her many gifts.

Those present were Miss Barbara Jean Richards, guest of honor, Mesdames W. R. Reid, Harry Richards, Al Dormaier, Alice J. Lamborn, R. M. Johnson, Grace Medler, Doris Capaci, Art Macheel, Pete Welk, Gerald Nisbet, Annlee Rothery, Leonard Lutje, and Misses Jean & Shirley McIntyre, Barbara McConaughy, Jean Shull, Darlene Macheel, Gladys Moore, Patricia Kaseberg and the two hostesses.

Mr and Mrs Frank Van Sant of Sacramento arrived Sunday to visit Mr and Mrs John Royse. Mrs Van Sant is Mrs Royse's sister.

Mr and Mrs W. H. Sheirbon of Hood River were Sunday guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Lloyd Royse.

Mr and Mrs Verle Fields and son of Vancouver, Wash., were over night guests Thursday of Mrs Emma Shearer.

Mrs Emma Shearer and Billie Williams went to Willowdale Friday to visit Mr and Mrs Max Williams. They returned home Monday.

Mr and Mrs Charles Fulton have returned home from a two weeks trip to California. They attended the Livermore and Salinas Rodeos and said they were both wonderful. They also visited at Pacific Grove, Monterey, Carmel, Santa Cruz, Merced and San Francisco. Mrs Fulton's nephew, Buddy Salsbury of San Francisco returned with them to spend the summer.

The program committee of the Wasco P.T.A. met last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs James Riskowsky. Programs for the coming year were mapped out.

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NOTICE: The Sherman County Fair Board will receive sealed bids for concessions at the Sherman County Fair to be held September 17-18-19, until August 1, 1948.

FOR SALE: Olson rug 11x13 practically new, flowered. Betsy McInnes, Kent, Oregon. 35p

DRIVERS CAN LOSE LICENSE WHEN SLOW RENEWING
 Tardy drivers may soon find themselves required to take an original examination instead of simply renewing their old license. Oregon's new system of drivers' license renewal enters its second year of operation. Secretary Newbry warns.

Under the law, license holders who have skipped a complete renewal period must take a new examination in order to obtain a permit. Newbry explained this

SUMMONS
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY
 Arnold Thomas Hanson, Plaintiff vs.
 Anna Marie Hanson, Defendant.
 TO: Anna Marie Hanson, Defendant.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the Complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and suit on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this Summons, and if you fail to so answer for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, to-wit: That the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between the plaintiff and the defendant be forever dissolved and set aside.

This Summons is served upon you pursuant to an order made by the Judge of the entitled Court on the 22nd day of June, 1948, which said order requires you to appear and answer the Complaint within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this Summons. The date of the first publication of this Summons is the 2nd day of July, 1948.

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 Attorneys for the Plaintiff
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 The Dalles, Oregon 35-40c

provision will affect a few drivers who have neglected to renew an old license which legally expired last year.

The secretary pointed out that old licenses numbered from 5R-396,001 to 5R429,000 will be invalid after June 30. All lower numbers have already expired, and renewals should be obtained immediately to avoid the necessity of re-examination, he said.

Floyd Root was in Salem Saturday to attend a meeting for the Rural School Boards.

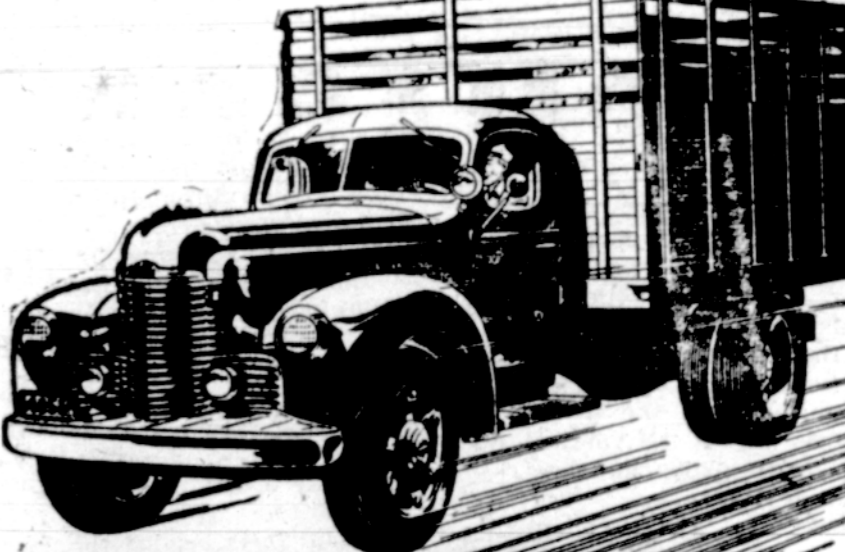
The condition of Antone B. Potter of Klondike, who has been in a hospital in The Dalles for two weeks is not encouraging.

Evacuation for the basement of the new Albert Kaseberg house on the corner of Clark and Pemberton streets in Wasco is completed and work on the actual building will start soon.

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Pampered Farmers

If the folks in our town were less tolerant, they'd be really burned up over that nationally circulated article on "pampered farmers," describing them as living off the fat of the land.

From where I sit the farmer is anything but "pampered." If he's better off today than twenty years ago it's because he's worked hard to improve the quality and quantity of his production.

Take Bert Childers, for example. Bert is up at four in the morning, to get the milking finished—and

ploughing or harvesting, depending on the season, until sundown. In the evening he finally relaxes with the missus over a moderate glass of beer.

And the farmer today's not only temperate in his habits, like Bert's evening glass of beer... but tolerant in his opinions. So he'll probably say of that article, "somebody got the facts wrong," and just let it go at that.

Joe Marsh