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THE DALLES CENTENNIAL

Although there are many things about the celebration of the first century of Oregon's official history given in The Dalles last week, it had enough good points to be well worth repeating.

The little captious things were very apparent and some of them might as well be said to clear the atmosphere. With the vast Columbia flowing by the dust could have been obliterated on the field, the equipment could have been in better shape, the actors could have moved less like they had come from boarding school and more like they had come 3000 miles in a covered wagon, one-third of the announcing was fuzzy, some helpful farmer should train a few work oxen, the flag raised over Fort Dalles had 48 stars.

Likewise it might be favorably mentioned: The parking of cars was done quickly and well, the location of the field is good, the music was generally appropriate, most of the costumes seemed authentic, the script was as accurate as to be instructive. It was the best public show The Dalles has put on in recent memory.

There can be no doubt that The Dalles is an appropriate place in which to stage a show about early Oregon. Even so, it is doubtful if an attempt should be made every year. The historical scenes were the best ones and those endeavoring to portray some of the social life of pioneer times the weakest and least accurate.

Covering a hundred years in a few scenes is impossible and would not be tried at all except that it was expected because of the centennial. The coming of the white men, the building of the fort, river transportation, the short, but lively, gold rush, the settlement of the land, the building of the railroads, all might serve as sufficient reason for an evening of pageantry.

The Dalles might be able to do it. This is a new land. No one lived here a hundred years ago, and few were even driving across it. Like all citizens of new countries the people are engrossed with material things, with money, roads, houses, irrigation systems. There has been little room for the esthetic, for the cultural things of life.

To properly present a pageant requires people with a knowledge of history, of art and lighting and costuming. And these are not easily found in a materially minded community, such as The Dalles.

Improvement has been made this year and if the city will aid it with their thought and effort, instead of merely with their dollars it can bring credit to The Dalles.

Two weeks from today a large number of those who are reading this column will be standing around the judging pens at the fair grounds and looking at some of the world's best beef. And that is no exaggeration.

Really it's the exhibits that make a fair. The entertainment follows in the afternoon, but it is the fat steers that are the stars of the show. A lady who came from afar and who attended the fair quite by accident said she supposed she should go and watch the program on the track but she would rather stay in the barns with the cattle for she felt so secure there among all that food.

That's one thing a fair does for the visitor. It assures him that he lives in a country, and among people, who are going to go on eating for some time.

The Sherman County Fair will have an exhibit of stock that can hardly be excelled anywhere. There will be races and games in the arena and the track to fill the afternoon. In fact, it may be hard to get it all in the required time. Riders will be here from all the mid-Columbia area to show off their horses in the horse show and Sherman county horses will continue their races which are always close.

It will be a good fair because it will display the agricultural

resources of the county in both the exhibit and the entertainment end. It will be an amateur show because local people will be putting it on, and that makes it better.

LABOR DAY

Many families that have little to do with labor, officially or unofficially, are going to enjoy the late summer holiday. It has come to be accepted whereas a few years ago almost no one paid any attention to it. Desire for more days off and the better standing of labor unions have made the day generally observed.

But whatever the day, any time that may be taken from the job is enjoyable time. Since so many more people are working for some one else holidays have assumed greater importance. Farmers and other independent business men who can take a day off anytime by doing two days work in one the day before don't pay much attention to the stated days. But others who are tied to the daily grind look upon a two day vacation as a gift from heaven.

There will be great danger on highways over the week end and perhaps ten will start on trips who will return in a box. Such things do not serve to deter vacationers in this day and age where life is held of little value as long as it is some one else's life.

Probably no one thinks to thank labor for inventing the holiday and providing another day off in a year now being well filled with them. Neither do people give much thought to the Fourth of July and patriotism is not increased by its modern mode of celebration. There is constant complaint that Christmas has been made a money changer's opportunity instead of a day of praise for Him who chased them out of the temple. Of Thanksgiving it was a feast day to begin with and has never lost a bit of it to this day, and perhaps there are few who give thought to the bounties of nature while stuffing a limber gullet with the delicacies of agricultural activity.

A holiday is a holiday. What brings it may be forgotten, but it gives the pale office worker a day in the sun, the worker a bit of added leisure and everyone a fine opportunity to get killed.

In Other Days

From the Observer Sept. 3, 1909 Mrs Strahl returned from her annual fall millinery shopping trip to Portland. Goods are now arriving which will very agreeably surprise her patrons. Miss Mabel Wright has been engaged as trimmer.

O. C. Larsen an employe of Twohy Bros. above Rohr Villa was sent to the Grass Valley hospital last week with an abscess.

Dean Hayes and Dewalt Elrod former young men of Moro who have been at work in the harvest returned to Portland last week. The Boesen steam threshing outfit pulled into Moro last week and proceeded to turn several stacks of wheat into straw and chaff piles.

Omer Sayres' Baby Holt combine cut, threshed and sacked 620 acres of wheat and oats in 24 days. His crew were F. A. Sayres, roustabout; Dayton Henrichs, driver (21 horses including 7 colts); Ed Tomlin, header tender; Miss Emma Sayres, cook. Omer picked up the sacks.

From the G. V. J. Sept 5, 1919 Last week Kenneth Burke, Cecil Walker and McKinley Alsop returned home having received their discharge from the army and navy.

J. U. Leonard of Kent has rented the Walter Hembree farm in the Sherar bridge neighborhood. The McDowell Bros. will move to Washington.

Last Saturday afternoon hail destroyed 60 acres of standing grain belonging to Hans Koepke and also broke several window glass in his residence. It is reported that L. Barnum has bought out the other stock holders of the C. C. Co. and he is now sole owner.

From the Observer, Sept. 6, 1929 Mrs P. C. Axtell attended the wedding of Miss Pearl Pherson and Harold Teale, which occurred on August 25 at Halsey. Miss Pherson was a former Moro teacher.

Mr and Mr W. D. Wallan and Mr and Mrs G. C. Akers were a motor party who left Saturday to visit in the Willamette valley. The trip down was over the Columbia river highway and their return over the McKenzie.

Rev John Seethoff and family left last week on their annual vacation.

F. R. Flatt sold his black team last week to a horse buyer from Portland.

Mr and Mrs Karl Schade were visitors here last Monday from Seattle, Washington.

Wasco Folks

On Post-Harvest Vacations

Mr and Mrs Afton McIntyre and family left last week on their vacation. They will spend a week at DeLake and will return by way of Lapine, where they will leave Janice to visit Armita Mel for awhile before school starts.

Mr and Mrs Glenn Van Vlieder took their young son Gary to the hospital in The Dalles Sunday where he was placed for medical attention. He is now home and feeling much better.

Hal White is back in the post-office again this week after helping at the Rufus elevator during harvest. Ed Feldman helped Mrs White in the post office during Hal's absence.

Mr and Mrs Steve McMillin and Mr and Mrs Stanley Gordh, left Monday morning for a trip through Canada. They expect to be gone about a week.

Mr and Mrs Marcus Church and daughter of Portland, spent Tuesday night with Mr and Mrs L. L. Funk.

Visitors at the home of Mr and Mrs Fred Dormaier during the past week have been Mr and Mrs Lester Smith of Seattle, Paul Jacobsen of St. Paul, Minn., Mr and Mrs Ben Dormaier and daughter Donna, who also visited Mr and Mrs Al Dormaier, and Mrs Charlie McPhail and son Billie of Tacoma. Mrs McPhail came after Jimmy McPhail who has been helping Mr Dormaier through harvest.

Last Thursday afternoon, Sharon Laughlin had a surprise birthday party for Glenna Wallace. Those present were Barbara Buck Coreena Miller, Erma Jean Wallace, Lois Ann Everett, and the guest of honor. As it was a "Come as you are" party, it was a surprise to the guests as well as Glenna. When Sharon came for each girl, she had to go just as she was. Coreena got the first prize for having on the most appropriate party dress. The girls spent the afternoon laughing over the way they were dressed, played games, and later on in the afternoon refreshments of birthday cake, ice cream and punch were served.

Sunday Mr and Mrs Earl Fields and Mr and Mrs Leonard Fields and family went up the Mt. Hood loop road to Timberline for a picnic dinner and outing.

Mr and Mrs Marlowe Anderson and daughter of Chico, Calif., visited Mrs Anderson's cousin and wife, Mr and Mrs Earl Fields Wednesday on their way back to California.

Mrs Emma Shearer and grand-son Billie Williams, left last week for Umatilla where they will visit Mr and Mrs Charles Shannon.

Mr and Mrs Lewis J. Hastings and son Robbie returned Tuesday night from a vacation trip to Vancouver, Wn., Portland, and DeLake.

Mr and Mrs Dean Stephens and sons Larry and Jamie of Klamath Falls are visiting Mr. Stephens' parents, Rev and Mrs F. Claude Stephens this week.

Mrs Hildred Zell and Mrs Walter Ruggles are attending the convention of the State Federation of Women's clubs at North Bend from September 1 to 3.

Mr and Mrs Leonard Lutje and children returned Sunday from a weeks vacation trip to Klamath Falls, Crater Lake, Florence, and up the Oregon coast to Long Beach, Wash. While in Florence, their young son Robert caught his first fish.

Mrs Kenneth Ferguson and her four daughters of Portland, are visiting her mother, Mrs Lydia Darby.

DESCHUTES RIVER TRIP

By Virginia White

(Editor's Note—Miss Smith is a niece of Mrs Elizabeth Kuypers and usually spends her vacations in Sherman county. She attends Lewis & Clark college in Portland.)

Going over Niagara Falls in a barrel is reputedly exciting, but shooting the rapids at the mouth of the Deschutes is also a rare thrill. This feat, accomplished last week by R. A. Rolf, vacationing Portland realtor, was the climax of a ten-day trip down the Deschutes in a rubber boat.

Rolf did a masterly job of boat handling, according to Sid Smythe of The Dalles, who watched from the bank. This is believed to be the first time anyone has navigated the turbulent, foaming waters at the Deschutes' mouth in a rubber boat.

A navy surplus seven-man rubber lifeboat proved an excellent means of sightseeing all along the fast, winding Deschutes for Mr and Mrs Rolf and their seven-year-old son, Tommy.

"We were comfortable, but seven men would be awfully crowded in it," commented Mrs Rolf. Watertight coverings protected sleeping bags, clothing and cameras from the inevitable swamps.

The adventurous trio traveled by bus to Warm Springs, bought supplies at Madras and were transported by the town's only taxi driver, Ralph Moore, to their point of embarkation on the river.

In remote spots curious deer, horses, and cows ran along the banks gazing intently at the travelers. On Cedar island large blue heron perched nonchalantly on tree tops. Fishing was good at most places along the river, with freshly caught rainbow or Dolly Varden trout available for most meals.

Old-timers encountered along the way provided local lore, telling the Rolf's of the race in 1910 between railroad builders Harriman and Hill, with the resulting consolidation of roads and abandonment of the east bank tracks.

Suggestions to local chambers of commerce were offered by Rolf. Development of the area as a tourist attraction might well follow the building of a highway along the entire Deschutes canyon. The bed of the abandoned railroad might be used. Rolf deplored the fact that both the north and south-bound passenger trains pass through this ruggedly beautiful country at night.

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SHANIKO

By Mrs. Maudie Garrett

Rev. Howard Schilling was here Sunday holding services, the last he will hold. Mr and Mrs Ted Ball, Mrs John Engstrom and Miss Anna Schwartz accompanied him.

Bob and Bill Guyton, sons of Mr and Mrs Volna Guyton of Clackamas are visitors at the home of their aunt and uncle Mr and Mrs Charles Carrigan. They all drove to Dufur Tuesday to spend the day with Mr and Mrs W. C. Guyton.

Wheat and other grain is coming in to Shaniko in large quantities keeping four men busy at the elevator.

Mr and Mrs Richard Whitecot and son who are living at the Shaniko Hotel were, Hood River visitors at the home of the parents over Sunday. Mr. Whitecot is working for Lofts & Son of Hood River, who have just finished the job of crushing rock north of town.

Ralph Reeder was a visitor at the G. H. Reeder home Friday on his way home from a selling trip.

Mrs Arthur Fine and children of Portland were here visiting Mrs Rosa Harris grandmother of Mr. Fine. She was accompanied by her brother and mother of Portland.

Ernest Patjens, Vic Jones, Pat Whithill and Miss Ethel Douglas all from the Andy Patjens ranch attended the centennial in The Dalles Saturday.

Mrs Myrtle McLennon and Mrs Minnie Bleakney returned from The Dalles Monday after spending several days there.

Art Lofts and son have finished the contract with the State Highway Commission south of Kent and are moving to the pit just below DeMoss Springs where they will crush several thousand yards of rock for maintenance work on the state highway system.

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Mrs Arzell Lemley and sons, Gordon and Duane, went to The Dalles Monday morning when Duane entered the hospital for an appendectomy.

Mr and Mrs C. W. Fields and Norman Fields of Moro went to Redmond Sunday to attend the fair and rodeo.

Mr and Mrs Fred Fawcett left Friday for their home in Portland after spending several days visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs Arzell Lemley.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS All persons having claims against the estate of Antone B. Potter, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, in proper form, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the estate of Antone B. Potter, deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: August 13 1948. George A. Potter 41-44c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned, Helen White Bruckert, has been duly appointed as administratrix of the estate of Louise White, deceased, and has qualified as such administratrix. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned at the office of Brown & Van Vactor, Pioneer Building, The Dalles, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: August 27th, 1948. Helen White Bruckert Administratrix 43-7c

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