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COUNTY FAIR

The county fair has come to be regarded pretty much as an entertainment event—and that it is. If one goes avisthing and views the antics of performers in strange towns he is entertained. That is the only purpose of the trip.

But ones own county fair serves another purpose. One who goes to a program by children is amused or entertained but there is a greater interest if some of the children are his own. The same is true of ones own county fair.

Here is Jim's boy out there with a calf being judged in the arena; (remember when that kid was born). Here is a cake with the name of a known cook; (she was a good cook when we went to high school together). Sam's horses are on the track; Susie's girl is selling hamburgers; Bill has a new saddle horse of which he is proud. It isn't something to see; it's something to take part in.

Next week the ladies with their fancy work, the boys with their club entries, the neighbors on the fair board with their troubles, the farm girls with their chickens will all be at the fair grounds putting their best foot and their best exhibit forward. It is good to know people who do things and who like to compete for quality. We've gotten on as a nation that way-by doing things better.

Chances are we'll all be there shaking hands with old friends, exchanging the pleasant words, standing at the end of the races, blinking at the fading summer sun and all being very happy that we have lived another year to enjoy the sight of nature's bounties spread so extravagantly before us, and to feel secure in the evidence of plenty. Chances are, too, we'll all soliloquize that man's cooperation with nature, his work and production, are the only means of achieving security.

MINIMUM WAGES

Congress is debating a proposal to make 75 cents per hour the minimum wage that can be paid in industry. How extensive is to be the definition of industry is a part of the debate. It may apply to almost everything or merely to wages in big business.

It is odd that anyone should favor such a proposal. The unions lose when government takes over a part of their normal and proper function which is to obtain better wages for members; industry should not be hampered by such restrictions; farmers will have less leeway about hiring men.

As long as the national economy is strong the 75 cent wage will make little difference but when it falls (as fall it must as now managed) many will be out of work if the 75 cent minimum is enforced.

There are people who cannot earn 75 cents per hour and if they cannot earn it they cannot expect to long get it. Such a law to be successful should establish standards of work which should be performed in an hour and perhaps the price of the product manufactured. Those restrictions we would not endure at this time but which will come if we start on wages.

It is not a question of high wages or low; it is a question of governmental interference with individual rights.

Actually manufacturers must pay wages large enough to assure incomes sufficient to purchase the goods made. People can't buy cars at \$2000 each if wages are \$2 per day. It doesn't take a government economist to figure that out, nor does it take a congress to establish the proper relationship between wages and prices. That is an economic problem, not a political one. Governmental dabbling merely confuses; it cannot solve.

WE ARE THE RADICALS

The editor of the Christian Science Monitor, in Portland, recalls a statement that is so very true that it is often overlooked. It is that we are the radicals, the men who are working for liberties.

It may be based on the fact that human progress is slow and that one generation is a very short time. The United States has been established for a few years as nations go; our form of government is new and, as yet, accepted in a small part of the world.

Of recent years we have been backing up because we have adopted many of the governmental theories of the older, European philosophy. We have been building big government instead of building big people.

What made our United States odd as a political theory was that the people were to be sovereign, were to be the real rulers. It was opposed to kings and courts and ruling houses. It was opposed to big, all-powerful government.

We have been forgetting that, forgetting that in political theory it is still new to favor individual liberties, to oppose big government, sweeping power and restrictive laws.

WHAT ABOUT "WAGONTIRE", BROWN

Down at the state fair a plaque or something akin to it was presented and dedicated in honor of Oregon sheep breeders. The names of old time sheepmen were engraved thereon. And they were illustrious names we reckon but the whole business must have been for a different class of sheepmen than we're thinking about.

The observance must have been for men who kept their sheep within the rail fences of early day Willamette valley. It couldn't have been for that group of sheepmen whose flocks roamed the ranges by the thousands accompanied by a lone herder and a couple of dogs. It couldn't have been because there was no mention of "Wagontire" Brown, Bill Brown, Methodist, tee-totaler, individualist for whom Wagontire mountain was named.

Neither was there a word about Cunha, Vey, Foley, Hynd, nor about a single Basque. And when you talk about sheepmen in Oregon without even mention of the Basques, you must talk of a restricted group of sheepmen.

The men who produced the purebred sheep in the valley probably did a good job and deserve public mention. But over on this side of the mountains we produced the sheep and the wool.

Perhaps some honor might as well be given to the men who sent their bands out over the grease wood hills trusting to a herder to protect them from coyotes and cougars; to men who raised sheep by the thousands and developed them by crossing the small Spanish sheep with larger breeds. Now, of course, the sheepman has been frozen out of business and it is time to note his departure.

If law enforcement officials and our small but persistent group of dishonest game hunters could hear what farmers say when they come in to buy "No Hunting" signs there would be less illegal bird killing in Sherman county. Certainly there could be no public acceptance of leniency toward those who shoot out of season and on posted places.

In Days of Old

From the Observer Sept. 14, 1900
Grass Valley is incorporated. The election took place September 10 and Chas. Moore is mayor and Chas. French marshal. The election was followed by a big bonfire and fire alarm.

B. F. Hoover has moved the building formerly owned by Mitchell & Foss to the back of the lot and is preparing to erect a brick.

The town dogs of Moro caught a coyote early Monday near the depot and their concert in B flat woke the whole town.

From the Observer, Sept. 9, 1910
M. A. Van Gilder paid \$67 for the Neece schoolhouse and Clark Teal paid \$57.50 for the Wheat schoolhouse at sales held last week.

A. H. Barnum left his Lone Rock stock ranch on the 3rd to start a tour of the fairs with his purebred Herefords.

Ben Shull had a pretty good harvest taking 1680 sacks of wheat and 400 of barley from 185 acres.

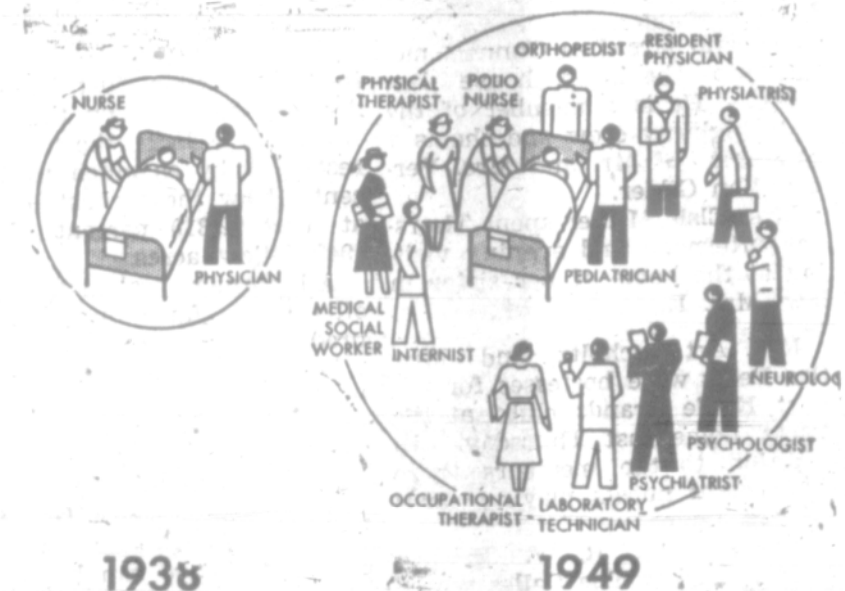
From the Observer Sept. 12, 1930
The long dry spell was broken September 10 when .36 inch of rain fell the first of that amount since March 30.

Arthur T. Holt of Kent has sold his farm to Theo. von Bostel and will buy a place near Redmond.

THE BALKY TEAM!



GROWTH OF POLIO CARE TEAM



Medical care for polio patients is costing the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis more money than ever before—because better treatment is available today than formerly, as the accompanying chart reveals. Until 1938 when the National Foundation was formed, a physician and a nurse usually comprised the best available care. Today, modern polio treatment may include 13 specialized services, provided by an entire TEAM of professional workers. This expanded care has cost National Foundation Chapters millions in March of Dimes funds. More money is needed immediately to continue these services. Support the POLIO EPIDEMIC EMERGENCY DRIVE to help care for today's polio patients. Send your contribution now to POLIO, care of your local Post Office.

McKay Aids Polio Special Drive

Governor Douglas McKay today designed the period September 11 through 17 as "Polio Emergency Week" and he recommended generous public support of the special drive for funds which the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has set for those days.

Dr. E. T. Hedlund of Portland, state chairman of the 1949 March of Dimes, joined Governor McKay in his request for contributions to assist in meeting problems raised by the heaviest onslaught of epidemic polio in United States history.

Dr. Hedlund said that figures made public this week showed that approximately 23,000 Americans have been struck down by infantile paralysis in the nation so far this year. The number of cases for the same period in 1948, second most critical year in the country's polio annals, was less than 15,000, and Dr. Hedlund said "there is no question but that our total this year will exceed the record 30,000 cases counted in 1916."

Governor McKay, in a special statement calling attention to the need for fresh polio funds, said: "The nation is experiencing the heaviest onslaughts of epidemic infantile paralysis in its history. Not one state has escaped visitations of the cruel disease, which has reached epidemic proportions in the neighborhood commonwealths of Idaho and California. Because this grave situation has resulted in near exhaustion of emergency aid funds of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, the first emergency drive in that organization's history has now become imperative. Therefore, I feel it my duty to urge Oregonians to support this special campaign to the end that as many polio sufferers as possible may be restored to health."

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Sallie Martin, N. G. Clara Houston, Sec.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.S. Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon.

Elsie Jones, W. M. Edna Melzer, Secretary

Moro Lodge No. 115, I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Leo Watkins, N. G. John DeMoss, Secretary

Eureka Lodge No. 121, A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.

L. V. Henrichs, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

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ABOUT THE COUNTY

The late H. K. Porter place at the mouth of the John Day river has been sold to a party living at Tigard who plan on fixing up the house to live in. The place had been in the Porter family around thirty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Bibby and son Stephen, and daughter Janice, motored to Portland Wednesday on business and shopping. Stephen stayed down and will enter Benson Tech this year.

CARD OF THANKS
I want to express my sincere thanks to the Sherman county people who attended and patronized my sale of farm equipment Septemehr 7. I am well pleased.

Ross Gullford
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against the Estate of J. M. Axtell deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified, and acting Executor of the Estate of J. M. Axtell, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, Attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: September 9, 1949.

Claire Axtell
Executor
T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Executor
Moro, Oregon 45-8c

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Mr. and Mrs. Clair Balzer are now settled in the apartment over the C & C Food store. They had as dinner guests Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe and Mrs. A. F. Balzer.

Ed Vintin of Walla Walla,

T. Lester Johnson
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Wm., visited relatives and friends here over the week end.

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