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THE THUGS WIN

Not everything is yet entirely clear about the situation in The Dalles, neither at the time of the violence nor since. There will be many stories and many attempts at face-saving for a long time. Some points seem clear and this is true of the main ones apparently.

The reporting of the events was not very accurate and if the pictures are no better it will be hard to prosecute. No one seems to know yet for sure whether the cargo of pineapple was "hot" or not, nor when it got that way.

There seems no good reasons why the port of The Dalles should have entered into the deal with the pineapple company in the first place. There was no hope of a continuation of business, facilities are inadequate and the danger of bringing labor violence was present

It is easier to look backward and see mistakes than to look ahead and see trouble.

The proclamation of Mayor Mauser about assurance of peace was an error as are nearly all such proclamations. It must have been made on faith because no sufficient protection was arranged and there was no more than six police deputies on hand even after the pickets numbered more than a hundred.

The chairman of the port commission is reported as saying that the port could cancel the contract in the face of violence, a remark that certainly was encouraging to disturbance.

But these are background items.

The CIO longshoremen followed the AFL trucks onto the docks paying no heed to the few special policemen and beat up two truck drivers who had a clearance from their AFL union in California. Newspaper photographers were hit and cameras smashed and the trucks were disabled. It was in effect a riot and certainly criminal.

The next day the port commission cancelled its contract with the pineapple company and stopped trying to unload the cargo. The port commissioners were apparently encouraged in this action by some city and county officials. Whether the refusal of the AFL teamsters to haul the pineapple came before or after the port commission's action is not definitely known. Whether there was actual threat to close the port is not certain in the public mind.

What is certain in the minds of most local citizens is that the CIO won a victory over law enforcement in The Dalles by some violence and the possible threat of more. Intimidation had its part also.

The port commissioners may have excused their action by saying that the pineapple could not have been moved anyway after the AFL teamsters had acceded to CIO demands.

But no governmental authority should ever surrender to mob violence. The state police were there and there would have been law and order.

Perhaps it is the result of a moral weakness that has been all too apparent the world over. Communities and nations have fallen under the control of organized groups which normally resort to mob rule to intimidate citizens who feel that their liberties are not worth the trouble of preserving them. The word "cowardice" connotes physical fear. The entire nation has been giving up its liberties for promise of personal gain. What is the name for that?

It must be said that a majority of the citizens of The Dalles are critical of the port officials and are resolved that some positive action be taken to restore the self respect of the community. There may be court action although that is a slow way to meet mob violence and seldom serves to prevent it.

The fact remains that a normally peaceful American community has been intimidated by a mob. Much of the blame lies on that community. But some must lie on the state and nation that lets organizations profit from mob violence, and on such organizations themselves.

DO-GOODERS

Everytime the writer drives past the Indian camp at Celilo the philosophy of the do-gooder comes in for some critical analysis.

In this instance the do-gooder, white in this instance, has resolved at no little expense that the Indian must live as much like the whites as federal expense can make it. It is all for the Indians good; it is done strictly as a public service; there is nothing selfish about it just the desire to do good.

The do-gooder may be defined as one who aspires to change the life of some one else without having any particular interest in it other than the desire to do good. A meddler, a busy body, a nuisance.

Do-gooders are engaged in many activities. Each has his own particular branch of the nuisance trade. They are some what akin to the whiners who protest that people don't do this and that only the do-gooder takes steps to see that something is done.

They want everyone to have inside plumbing use electricity, go to church, wear warm clothes, keep hair combed, live in new houses, learn about this and that. Anyone who questions the propriety of such action is branded a barbarian.

The world and its people would soon be all alike if do-gooders had their way. There would be none of the variety that is the spice of life and none of those rare individualists who think and act for themselves without considering the customs of the majority.

So far as can be remembered no Indian ever built a new, modern house by himself. White men do it for him occasionly. The Indian doesn't care about houses like that. As between do-gooders and Indians we take the Indian. He knows enough to mind his own business.

ABOUT THE COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Douma want to express their thanks to the friends who have entertained them previous to their leave taking.

Eelectricity was off in Sherman county intermittently for nearly an hour Thursday afternoon. It was a general failure of power and both The Dalles and Portland were without electricity for a time also.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Douma left this week for their new home near Portland. They were entertained Thursday night at the Legion hall by members of the service group and other friends. Cards were played and lunch served when master of ceremonies Lloyd Johnson, asked some of those present to bid the couple goodbye, which was done in several ways. Presents were given at the close of the evening.

STATEMENT OF THE OWERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACTS OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AND MARCH 3, 1933.

Of Sherman County Journal, published weekly at Moro, Oregon for October 1949 State of Oregon, County of Sherman, ss.

Before me, a notary public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Giles L. French, who, having been duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he is the editor of the Sherman County Journal and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1933, embodied in section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form to wit:

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GILES L. FRENCH, editor

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of October, 1949.

Carrel S. Bennett

notary public seal my commission expires March 2, 1951.

FAIR WINNERS

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Briggs 1st, Lois Everett 2nd, Vaughn Rothery 3d. Angel cake: Joan Eakin 1st, Elaine Bruckert 2nd, Ronald Benson 3rd. Bread: Barbara Blaylock 1st, Margaret Baumgartner 2nd, Marie von Borstel 3rd. Biscuits: Danny Duncan.

4-H Clothing: Dress, Marie von Borstel. 4-H Canning: Joan Eakin.

Poultry: Hen, E. M. Eslinger, Light Breeds: Cinthy Bell. New Hampshire: Rooster, Jean Ross; cockerals, Pearl Bell; hen, Mrs. W. L. May 1st, P. Bell 2nd & 3rd; pullet: Mrs. Leo Wakins, 1st & 3rd, Mrs. W. L. May, 2nd. Plymouth Rocks: Cock, Pearl Bell; cockeral, C. Bell; hen C. Bell 1st, P. Bell 2nd; pullet, C. Bell.

Rhode Island Red: Cockeral Helen Kruger. Jersey Giant. Pullet, Pearl Bell. Heavy Breeds: E. M. Eslinger 1st, W. E. Hall, 2nd; hen, C. Bell 1st, P. Bell 2nd. Pullet, W. E. Hall 1st. Marjorie Van Gilder 2nd, P. Bell, 3rd. Pen: C. Bell. White Leghorn: Cockeral, Ernest Houston 1st & 2nd; hen E. Houston 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Banty rooster: Jean Ross. Other light breeds: E. M. Eslinger 1st, C. Bell 2nd & 3rd.

Ducks: Old male: Marjorie Van Gilder 1st, 2nd, E. M. Eslinger, 3rd. Young male: E. M. Eslinger. Old female, Marjorie VanGilder 1st, E. M. Eslinger 2nd. Young female, Marjorie Van Gilder 1st, E. M. Eslinger 2nd.

Herewith is the last of the 1948 series of historical notes about Sherman county. More will be forthcoming as conditions become possible for writing and publishing it. Criticisms and additions are most welcome. Let's get this as near right as possible.

There was little or no summerfallowing in those days and 160,000 acres in wheat was entirely possible. The county also had 39,670 head of sheep, 1825 hogs, 5613 horses and mules and 1000 cattle.

Farmers and stockmen who used the ranges and bottoms of the county had a large part in the destruction of much good land. When white men came there were almost no rocky bottoms in the draws and canyons. The report of the emigrants that Grass Valley canyon was a fertile little vale can be verified. The soil that had washed down from the grass covered slopes was spread evenly over the canyon floors. Even Ferry canyon and Rutledge canyon and Grass Valley and Hay canyons were said to have bottom land their entire length. Trailing sheep and cattle made trails that became water courses, then ditches which grew until nothing of productive soil remained. Pioneers can point to dry watercourses covered with boulders and recall a day when there was luxuriant and wellwatered grass the length of them. Waterspouts cleaned out the soil after a start was made and except for the rather hopeless efforts of the CCC in recent times nothing has been done to bring the bottoms back to their condition when discovered.

Articles of Incorporation for the Columbia Southern Railway were filed March 4, 1897 by E. E. Lytle, J. L. Murchie and Drake C. O'Reilly. Construction was started almost immediately, sometime in June of that year and by October the road was completed to Wasco and farmers had a shorter haul for their wheat. It is reported in the History of Central Oregon that in 1897 the county had a population of 3051 and 160,000 acres in wheat, barley, oats and rye which produced 3,700,000 bushels for an average of 23 bushels per acre. Whether this figure was based on accurate reports or was tinged with the abundant optimist of the new country cannot be verified.

The railroad was built with farmer labor to a great extent. The men who promoted it had little money and that probably obtained from the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company. Right of ways were often donated. After the first year there was some income and although the writers of that day expounded to great length on the difficulties of building the line it went along with speed and dispatch.

January 15, 1898 a mass meeting was held in Moro to try to induce the railroad officials to continue building to that city. The charter of the company called for construction to Prineville so it was a foregone conclusion that it would come to Moro, but there was some trouble over right of way.

Citizens of Moro raied $5000 to aid the line and at Grass Valley an additional $1000 was raised. A resolution was signed opposing those who were holding up the line by excessive demand for rights of way.

Signing this resolution were A. Dillinger, Al Wright, P. McDonald, M. Hansen and Hugh McIntyre for Monkland; C. A. Heath, J. V. O'Leary, B. S. Kelsey, Fred Krusow and C. W. Moore for Grass Valley; E. Sayrs, Carl Peetz, M. Damon, D. W. Howard and W. J. Martin for Moro.

The work went on and by December 14 the road was built to Moro and construction started and the depot located on the eight acres donated to the company by the town.

The railroad reached Grass Valley in the spring of 1900 and went on to Shaniko which was the terminus of the road until 1943, when therails were taken up between there and Kent.

The extent of sheep raising in Sherman county in the 1890s can be to some extent appraised by the minutes of a meeting held in Grass Valley, February 15, 1896. The sheep men were meeting to appoint a committee to meet with the county court about the coyote bounty. They were undoubtedly the men who had hauled wool to Grants some years before.

James H. Fraser opened the meeting and Charles A. Buckley was elected chairman, and J. V. O'Leary secretary although J. H. Smith was named vice-president and J. H. Fraser secretary of the permanent organization.

They assessed themselves $3.00 per 1000 sheep as a fund and named C. A. Buckley, J. D. Wilcox and J. H. Fraser to meet with the court "in regard to fixing the county bounty at $1.00 per scalp irrespective of the association bounty of 50 cents."

Sheepmen signing the minutes were James H. Fraser, C. K. Cochran, John Grant, Fairfield & Hilgen, J. V. O'Leary, Kerr & Buckley, E. J. Prahl, Jno. McAllister, J. C. O'Leary, L. C. Kelsey, R & A Smith, Ragsdale & Smith, J. D. Wilcox, J. H. Smith, James Stewart, E. Hannafin, McDonald & Chisholm, J. H. Sherar, Micheal King, B. S. Kelsey.

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