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COME TO THE FAIR

The admonition implied in the title is probably not needed, by the readers of this newspaper, because most of them, naturally have long been convinced by actual participation that a Sherman county fair should not be missed.

We prefer to think of it as an invitation instead of an admonition, an urgent invitation, too. Despite the walls of those who would change everything old, we think there are few persons who do not attend at least one fair during the year. There is the matter of entertainment, which in Oregon, runs to dodeo and racing, two events that have long been exciting and popular.

We like to think that there is something spiritually regenerating about a fair; that it puts us a little closer to nature and the soil from which all life springs. Few, surely, can view the exhibits of the product of field and garden and pasture without feeling kinship with the forces that promote growth and the continuation of physical existence. Man, taking advantage of the habits of nature, the sun and the seasons and the rain, has made these things grow. Grins, pumpkins, beef that nourish man and make his existence possible. It is at once assurance of security and evidence of communion with nature and nature's God.

A fair if you want a good time—and who doesn't. There are the excitements of the track and the arena, both rather elemental in character being contests between race horses or men and horses or men and cattle. No wonder every one goes to fairs.

CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM

A campaign is going on, one that has received little attention from Sherman county folks. It is the Crusade for Freedom, which has the purpose of raising enough money to continue a civilian program of sending messages to the countries behind the iron curtain. It is an ambitious program without an ambitious budget.

Stories are told about the manufacture of small balloons that carry messages from America to those who are living in lands where freedom of expression are not permitted. They tell of the advantages of freedom, of being permitted to quest on government, of being allowed to say the things that come into the mind. One may not learn without freedom of opinion although one can be trained in a program for anything as long as no opposite side is permitted.

A few small cartons will be distributed about the county for the reception of money. A few silver pieces in them will assure the citizens who participates that he or she has had a part in giving others encouragement to work for freedom. If one wonders, "What can I do to help?" this is the answer.

In a land so rich in money and in freedom and where ideas are purveyed so plentifully a small donation to assist others to hope for these benefits is to prevent the black night of enforced spiritual acquiescence for us all.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

The United States Chamber of Commerce is responsible for some figures about taxes and federal expenses that are most startling.

For instance: Incomes of all people in the United States who earn more than \$4000 after federal income taxes add up to only \$9.7 billion. That is less than the \$10 billion tax increase asked by the president.

Total income of all Americans earning more than \$6000 after federal taxes amount to \$6.5 billion.

Therefore if the government took all the money earned by those making over \$4000 it wouldn't be enough for the INCREASE asked. Also the figures show how evenly distributed is the American income. Taxpayers with net incomes of more than \$10,000 get 14 percent of the national income. Those with smaller salaries or wages get 86 percent of the income.

It seems likely that when con-

gress gets through writing the tax bill the rate of corporation tax will be boosted past the half way mark. It is now 47 percent. That will mean that every time a corporation makes a dollar the government will take half of it. Thus the government will be as responsible as corporations for high costs of cars, house appliances and clothing.

Taxes now take 28 percent of every dollar and for a long time it has been said by economists that whenever more than 25 percent was taken in taxes it resulted in disastrous inflation. The new tax bills will raise the percentage to 31 in case anyone thinks it is stopping. Federal taxes are some \$65 billion and state and local taxes \$20 billion. The national income is about \$300 billion, maybe \$310.

It does look as if people are going to have to quit asking governments to do things for them. No government can do all that is asked of it—or that its politicians promise—and we might as well quit while there is still a chance for solvency.

THE ROVERS

They are in town again, these rovers. Some of them are in tight denim pants, worn boots and shirts suffering from long drouth; some in better garb. But all have an air of impermanence about them. Like a man in buckskin pants, they look always ready to jump.

The settled man with his cows and chickens and a business with a door that needs opening each morn look upon these strangers as if they were an odd sort—and perhaps, they are in this day. Yet it was a short time ago that many men moved around from harvest of rice to harvest of wheat, the mines, the round-up.



Those were single men to whom children down, to curl the hair and hang the extra dress. Next week they will be gone to another fair, hanging around another barn, sitting atop other chutes, barking pop-corn in another dusty alley.

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The marriage of Miss Alice Mae Wilson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Wilson, to William Rodrick Bonington, son of Mrs. Gerald Bonington of Albany, Calif., took place at 3 p. m. Sunday September 2, at the Methodist church in Moscow, Idaho.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore the traditional white satin gown with Mary Queen of Scots' bonnet holding her fingertip veil.

The bride, a former student at the University of Idaho, belongs to Alpha Phi sorority. Her husband graduated from Willamette university and has done graduate work at the University of California. His fraternity is Sigma Chi. After their wedding trip the young couple will live at Vacaville, California.

The bride is a grand daughter of Jacob H. Wilson of The Dalles and, with her parents, has been a frequent visitor to this county, which was the natal place of her father, Dr. Joseph G. Wilson.

truders up the narrow way as the wind is with us briefly on its flight and with no more intent to stop. We are of two kinds the steady ones to plow and reap, the wild and fancy free one to bring tales of other lands and make us content.

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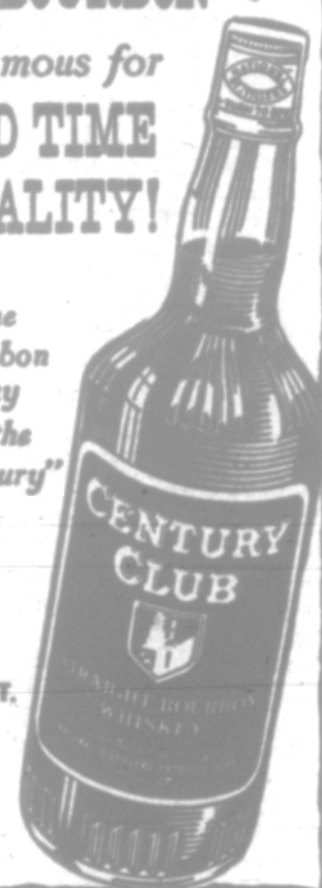
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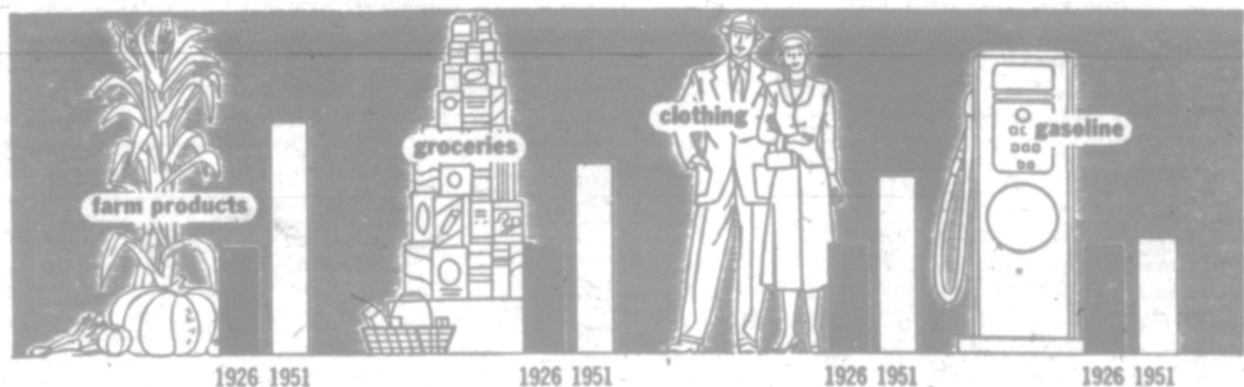
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Auctioneer

"Honestly, now—aren't gasoline prices too high?"

Everyone who can remember what things used to cost only ten or twenty years ago may well think of those times as "the good old days." Recalling them, and the extreme bargains offered during the depression, people have asked Standard such questions as "Honestly, now—aren't gasoline prices too high?"

In answer to a question like that, Standard asks you to consider the broad situation. All prices should be kept as low as possible. But in judging what's "too high," let's see what's happened:



Price comparisons—1926 and 1951

Let's look back on those "good old days"—to 1926, a fairly normal year. Since then, most prices have varied greatly. By 1951, farm products cost over twice as much as in 1926, groceries and clothing about two-thirds more. But in 1951, gasoline

costs almost as little as it did in 1926—actually up less than 4%, except for taxes, now 6¢ to 8¢ a gallon in the West. Most people's income has gone up enough in those years so that gasoline takes a far smaller share of their budget. So gasoline today—far from being "too high"—is an exceptionally good buy. See how and why this has come about—



HOW have gas prices been kept from getting "too high"? Partly through improvement in refining methods, developed by big companies' research. We've learned to get more gas out of every barrel of crude. (And it's better gas; 2 gallons now do work that took 3 only 25 years ago.)



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