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PARI-MUTUEL BILL

It is possible that the initiated measure that would put a stop to pari-mutuel betting in Oregon will arouse more interest than any of the 18 bills on the ballot.

Those who want the racing to continue argue that each county will receive over \$90,000 from racing and that some \$12,000 will be obtained by each county fair this year. They point to the nearly two million that has been put in the state's general fund and the sums that go to the state fair, the Pacific International and the many shows over the state that have by logging gotten a handful of dough from the state's gambling venture.

From the money angle the argument is good. Rural Oregon gets the money and it nearly all comes from Portland. It is not likely, for instance, that Sherman counties have lost a tenth of its \$90,000 on the dogs or horses. The money comes like manna from the hands of the unrestrained bettors of the city.

It is probably true that county fairs can use the money. At least, most of them have been using it and all have an appetite for more of it. There is little trouble in finding ways to spend other people's money. There is, however, an apparent deterioration in county fairs since the money became sizeable. They are not so much county fairs and more rodeos and carnivals.

It is probably true that repeal of the pari-mutuel law will not reform the gamblers although certainly, it will give them one less outlet for their proclivities.

The writer has no intention of reforming the world, nor of more than one individual in it. He is not greatly concerned that some humans gamble. They always have. Neither does he think that county fairs would fade into history without the money from gambling.

The money is neither equitably nor properly divided. Many of the fairs getting it utilize the income for professional performances instead of aid to fair exhibits. Neither the Pendleton Round-Up nor the Klamath Basin Round-Up are educational.

On moral grounds the sponsors of continued pari-mutuel betting have no case at all. Gambling is not considered moral and all of the money being considered is gambling money.

On practical grounds the existence of a gambling venture operated by and with the consent of the state is a danger to good government. The gambling element is so anxious to retain its position that it constantly dabbles in state government. Its lobbyists influence legislation in other fields whenever necessary to protect their shady business. It is a dangerous element in government, perhaps not so bad in Oregon as in other places, but never has a mixture of gambling and government been beneficial to honest government.

Those who put morals above money and good government above gambling will vote to do away with pari-mutuel betting.

LEISURE, FOR WHAT?

It appears that the American ideal would be to have nothing to do and a long time to do it in. We constantly prate about leisure time and we strive to work as few hours per week as necessity compels. Work it appears is the penalty each one pays for living and leisure the surcease that makes it bearable at all.

There's something wrong with the idea. Yet, surely not all of us are doing work so distasteful that it is burdensome. There is reason for the almost unanimous feeling that work should be avoided whenever possible.

It does seem possible that lives could be arranged so that most of us had a job that would be interesting. Otherwise work is drudgery. It may be that our industrial system has caused the worker to lose interest in his job and to want to get away from it as much as permitted. Or he may want to give as little time to it as possible.

But the point is that we do

not seem to want to work. It isn't exactly laziness; it is just a dislike to work. There are other races whose representatives in this country are famous workers. They do very well in this environment.

No doubt work can be overdone and a long continued 60-hour a week pace would get tiresome. But it seems that 30 hours would get tiresome, too, for there would be too little to occupy the mind.

There are some who fill their leisure time with activity of some sort, fishing or other outdoor sports, reading or shop work. But such are the exceptions. Most persons just fritter their time away, unmindful of the fact that it is the stuff of which life is made.

Reduction of hours in industry is a waste until there is instruction in the use of leisure. For leisure time is like any other time; no good unless something is done with it.

Another generation used to value time and making use of one's time was considered a part of every child's training. The present generation seems to consider time as a gift to be enjoyed and the national ideal is to make use of as little time as possible.

TIN CANS

The news indicates that it is about time we began to pay our final respects to the tin can. For years the tin can has been made of steel with a very thin covering of tin inside; or a little varnish and no tin. The real tin can has already disappeared.

There are those who say that the tin can made the civilization of the west possible which isn't any worse than a lot of statements that are made. It assumes that the west is civilized and the hardy persons who did the job couldn't have done it on jerky and dried beans.

But tin cans were mighty useful. Years ago, so the front porch historians tell us, there were no tin cans. Coffee came in paper bags, tea in lead foil, meat in hides, vegetables in sacks. Folks ate vegetables in the summer and fall and were able to keep some of the hardiest to the winter.

The rest of the year they ate

'em dried; dried beans, dried peas, dried apples, dried apricots, dried corn. Some of them are better dried than put into a tin can. It does seem probable that westerns would never have learned to eat tomatoes without tin cans. A couple cans slung into the saddle bags made crossing a desert easier if there was a water hole for the horse—otherwise not.

It may be more accurate to say that tin cans did as much for the cook as they did for the west. Any woman stout enough to punch a hole in the top of a can could be a cook after cans became common whereas grandmas had to plan a meal ahead of three hours boiling.

Making meals that would keep the men folks stout and pleasant enough to live with out of a cellar containing nothing but dried beans, dried corn, dried apples, a few half frozen potatoes, a few onions, flour, corn meal and coffee gave grandma the fortitude that led her to look upon the minor gustatory troubles of the day with equanimity.

The tin can stopped all that. And if it is true that it is giving way to glass and paper and paraffin and cold air it is a sad thing indeed for the tin can has served us well. We ate strawberries at Christmas, asparagus in October, fish at any time and lived very high on the hog compared to the days before tin cans came along to take us off the dried diet.

In Klamath county residents have the best teeth in Oregon and in Clatsop county the worst, reports OSC. Probably the same would be found true of horses. Maybe it is farther to a candy store in Klamath; maybe the bread dries out quicker and is harder to chew; maybe Klamath beef is tougher than the fog fed bovine of Clatsop; maybe there's more minerals in the soil in Klamath; maybe Clatsop teeth get washed more; maybe the next test will show something different.

The American Legion reiterated its opposition to Acheson and thus proved again that those who fight a war have a better idea of Americanism than those who talk about it.

SHERMAN COUNTY TO BE REPRESENTED AT FAIR

Sherman county will be represented at the 1952 Oregon State Fair by four 4-H club members, county agent, T. W. Thompson, announced this week.

Three head of prime livestock will be exhibited by Joann and Jean Ross, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ross, Moro. Joann will exhibit a steer and a lamb, while Jean will show her lamb. The three head of prime animals are of excellent quality, Thompson stated.

Edwin Balsiger, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Balsiger, and Gary Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Miller, Moro along with Joann Ross will represent Sherman county in the livestock judging contest. Contestants will judge two classes of beef, sheep, swine and dairy and give oral reasons for their placings.

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