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PROSPERITY

Years ago when the Eastern Oregon wheat league was a small and struggling commodity group, officers and well wishers used to get together along in September and start thinking about the sort of program that might attract enough wheat growers to make the annual session worth while. The meetings were held in small towns and there was much arranging to be done so that the hungry farmers could be fed and bedded down at night.

Shortly after that publicity began to roll out of Charley Smith's office until every farmer in the wheat belt knew what was going to happen at the annual meeting. Prosperity has made a change in wheat league news policy. It doesn't have to attract a large crowd nowadays because it is financed through a fortunate connection with a state tax and besides enough will probably come anyhow just for the trip and the little vacation, money being more plentiful. Until now there has been no word of the session program.

The wheat league isn't a struggling organization anymore and neither are the members. Perhaps no more than half a dozen who will attend the meeting this year will remember the Condon meeting in the early thirties when members brought their own food and bed and used a vacant store building for living quarters.

Wheat growers of these days would think such a thing impossible—every bit as impossible as the men of that Condon party thought such conditions as now prevail impossible. Well, you never know.

DISRUPTING NATURE

Field mice, we hear, are making a nuisance of themselves down in Klamath county and the experts say it is because the enemies of the field mouse have been destroyed. Among these are hawks, some of whom catch an occasional chicken, and coyotes that catch anything edible and probably owls.

Man, in his desire to rid himself of pests or predators some times gets himself into more trouble than he had to start with and his efforts to readjust nature often meet with disaster.

Wheat farmers gleefully hailed the gas tractor that did away with the faithful horse on a narrow track. The faithful horse and now have a surplus of wheat big enough to feed half the world which put them into the hands of the government, a fate that may be worse than currying horses.

BEEF COMMISSION

We find ourselves wondering just what a beef commission would do other than give employment to some stenographers and an otherwise unemployed young man to serve as "secretary" and drive about the state in a car with an emblem on the door.

The theory is that it would promote the eating of beef. That sounds good for "promote" is a word that is readily accepted these days. The fact is that the eating of beef is automatically determined by the income of the citizenry; people eat all the beef they can afford. The program may be to improve the quality of the beef sold and that is alright, too. The fact about that is that growers have already bred about the finest beef to be found anywhere. May be not enough is properly fattened for the local market but not every one wants prime beef at prime beef price.

There may be some other little thing or two the beef commission would do but nothing other than selling more and better beef is very important to the cattle grower.

Cattle men have always had trouble agreeing. One group asks the legislature to pass a bill and another group doesn't like it. Probably a lot of minor difficulties could be solved by more and better meetings of cattlemen and one central organization of all of them. Such a matter is for the industry itself. It would not be a function of the beef commission.

We don't like to be throwing cold water on bright ideas although experience has taught that a good cold shower improves ninety percent of them, but this beef commission business looks like a better deal for the promotion of bureaucrats than beef.

PSYCHOLOGY

The style in psychology, at least for the popular brand of that science, is to trace adult phobias to some childhood experience that centered the youthful psyche and warped its development. One of the frequent reasons for middle life failure to get along is that one's father didn't like him.

We shudder to imagine what a child might grow into without some experiences to put a damper on his desire to rule the family roost. It may be that they are not administered early enough when the psyche (it's their word, not ours) is more pliable and it is a shorter distance from the seat to the brain.

During all the years that mankind has been writing about himself he has been adept at finding some reason why he isn't better than he is. Laying his failure to his parents isn't particularly new, nor much weaker than usual. The reason why men and women don't amount to much—if they don't—is that they haven't tried to be any better. In these days of public schools, free libraries, hundreds of books and magazines and ways to acquire information and develop ability beyond the dream of any previous generation there is no need to look for any reason for failure outside one's own head.

MIGRATING GEESE

Sherman county's flock of wild geese are going south. We do not mean the feathered honker that stops here briefly on his way from northern Canada nor the white snow geese. We are speaking of those citizens, mostly farmers, who for one reason or another, generally a liking for sun and ease, betake themselves to warmer climes as the days shorten and the frost darkens the stubble in the fall.

They are very happy with their condition and well established in the habit of trooping off with disdainful waves of the hand at stay-at-homes tied here by duties or lack of money. Most of them have earned their place in the sun by putting in years of labor at the trying job of growing wheat in times less responsive to such effort than the present.

They say they do nothing which we can hardly believe for most of them were active here and we think there must be some minor interest to keep them occupied. For even sun and assured food is not enough to still the urge to activity in a man long used to action.

We wonder if it might be said that the county had failed them, if it provide the relaxation needed by those who had made a competence at such work. It may be that retirement brings a scorn for all endeavor, that when one has given up the struggle he can languish in the sun like a fat cat by the fire and let the world and all its problems go by.

The idea of retirement isn't appalling, even to one who likes or has the habit of work, if it entails some activity long postponed because it didn't fit in with the duties of business. But doing nothing is beyond the imagination and it is difficult to visualize ending a lifetime of work by inaction. We think our staying geese do something.

DANCING

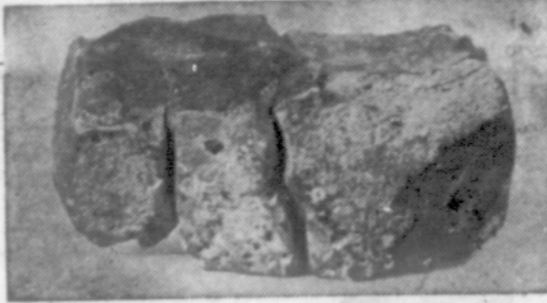
Dancing as an adult sport or recreation has declined in Sherman county where it used to be the principal means of social contact. As far back as pioneer times Sherman countians gathered in cabins to dance with an obliging fiddler perched on a chair in a corner, sawing away all night while his neighbors danced about.

Dance halls were laid on the top floors of many a country store in later days and children learned to dance in the corners where the circling waiters do not come, or the square dancers bother. The big halls in all the towns were built to dance in and if an occasional show came along that was alright, too, if it didn't interfere with a dance.

Every holiday was an occasion for a dance and yet Thanksgiving has gone by without a single tune being played for the pleasure of a single couple. Even the recent rage over the revival of square dancing has waned.

Such things go in cycles, we know, but dancing lasted a long time in these parts and we thought it would never fall into eclipse. It may be that television has killed it, although television couldn't kill anything unless the urge to "set" gave it aid and support. Probably dancing is not dead, merely awaiting a revival while the music gets back to the danceable state again and is worth listening to whether one is dancing or not.

This Week's HISTORY MYSTERY



What is the Significance of This Object?

CLUE: This object is connected with a shipwreck off the Northern coast of Oregon. That the disaster occurred long before 1813 is attested to by a comment made that year by Alexander Henry of Astoria.

ANSWER: The object is a piece of the "Nohalem" vessel wrecked off the Oregon Coast near Astoria. Legend identifies it as a piece of the "Nohalem" vessel wrecked off the Oregon Coast near Astoria. Legend identifies it as a piece of the "Nohalem" vessel wrecked off the Oregon Coast near Astoria.

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Dear Friends:
Gentlemen Farmer! In the United States this is what we would call my first host father; for besides being a farm operator, he is a dentist by profession. I was rather confused when I read on my itinerary that my first father was to be a doctor, but since then I've found that the major part of the farm land in this area is owned by professional men who operate their farms from the city.

My family here in San Juan, which is a city of 16,000 near the Hessian border, is much smaller than in the United States; for besides my mother and father, I only have one eight year old brother at home. Two other host brothers are enrolled in college in Ciudad Trujillo, one studying to be an engineer, the other a dentist.

The first morning with my host parents provided quite a linguistic challenge for this was the first time I had to depend almost wholly upon my Spanish speaking ability. My mother, father and I climbed into the jeep pickup and started for the farm. We took considerable time getting there; for several times we had to stop and visit excitedly with the neighbors about the new American son in the family. I have never seen two people react with more enthusiasm than they when I asked for permission to call them madre and padre.

My father has two separate farms or fincas on which he has two entirely different enterprises. The first one we visited consisted of about 200 acres of rice and irrigated corn. The other, which is his dairy, consisted of about 1000 acres of non-irrigated pasture and about 300 cows and calves.

Dairying here is considerably different than Grade-A operations in the States. The milking parlor consists of the barnyard, and the milking machines are about 15 years (laborers). I was rather amused the first morning to observe

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Agnus Benson, Secretary

serve the milking in the yard, while just a few feet away young boys would be holding the cows' calves. As soon as the milker was satisfied with the quantity of milk, the calves were permitted to finish the job. This practice stems from the belief that the cow needs the stimulation from the calf for good production, and also from an insufficient demand for milk.

From my observations, I would guess that three quarts of milk a day is average production (one time a day milking); however, the farmers are trying to improve this by breeding up the native herds with Holstein and Guernsey sires imported from the States.

After milking is completed, the cans are loaded into my father's pickup and the marketing commences. On the way home from the farm, we stopped at a rather poor section of town where one family acts as agent for the milk and dippers it to the customers, who furnish their own containers. Raw milk this way is worth 10 cents a quart. The rest of the milk is either taken to the ice cream factory, or marketed at home in the "furnish your own container" method.

Here in San Juan there is no pasteurizing plant of any type so the customary practice is to boil all milk used in the home. In Ciudad Trujillo all the modern methods can be found however. This one fact is typical of the whole country, the old and the new are found side by side, skipping many of the progressive steps that we went through in the United States.

To an Oregon dairyman, the whole process I've mentioned would raise one big question. What about the labor bill? For \$2.00 a day, a farmer here can hire all the workers he wants and for much farm work \$1.00 is sufficient. This, along with machinery costing about twice as much as it does in the States, tends to keep much work manual which we are constantly doing other ways.

In my next letter, I shall emphasize the rice production in this area. My second host father is one of the largest producers in the San Juan area.

May you all have a happy Thanksgiving. This is one thing I will be missing here for this is strictly an American holiday, as was Halloween. I guess I could try to install some new customs, though.

Sincerely yours
William R. Coats
Secretaria de Estado de Agri. Ciudad, Trujillo, Republica Dominicana

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Lumbermen Work At Other Jobs

Favorable fall weather provided jobs for many lumber workers laid off earlier because of humidity and the hunting season but the number of unemployed increased from 33,200 to 39,400 during October, according to reports from 26 local offices of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, Administrator John A. Norton-announced today.

Insured unemployment also continued to rise, reaching 20,864 last week comparing with 16,314 a month before. Initial claims, denoting new layoffs, dropped somewhat, from 6,895 to 5,288, but both figures were well above recent years.

A year ago 25,400 jobseekers were listed, and in 1955 the total was 21,000. Most of the increase came in the western Oregon fir country although the metropolitan area reported 17,000 looking for work as compared with 14,100 last month and 9,200 a year ago.

Payments to insured workers last month were about \$2,375,000, highest October total on record and more than three times last year's \$763,987. Benefits for the first ten months of 1957 have passed \$24 millions and may reach \$30 millions to break all records during the 20 years in which payments have been made.

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AUDREY MAE SCHAFER, Plaintiff,
vs.
GILBERT L. SCHAFER, Defendant.
No. 2963
SUMMONS
To Gilbert L. Schafar, Defendant:
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, on or before four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; and if you fail to so appear, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, to-wit, for a decree of this Court dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between plaintiff and the defendant.

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Notice is hereby given that Water Resources Development Corporation, 460 S. Broadway, Denver 9, Colo., duly licensed in the State of Oregon to engage in operations to modify natural precipitation by artificial means for and on behalf of the Morrow County Weather Research Association, located at Echo, Oregon, will conduct a program of weather modification to increase natural rainfall in the area described below:

1.) The area to be affected is described as beginning at the east county line of Morrow County, midway of Section 4, Township 3N, Range 27E, thence WSW

along the county road to the SW corner of Section 35, Township 3N, Range 27E, thence west to County line between Morrow and Gilliam Counties, thence SSW along State Highway 74 to SW corner of Section 31, Township 15, Range 26E, thence east to the Umatilla County line, thence N and W along the Morrow, Umatilla County boundary to the point of beginning all within Morrow County, Oregon.

In Umatilla County, Oregon, beginning at the NW corner of Section 3, Township 4N, Range 27E, thence E to NE corner of Township 4N, Range 29E, thence S to SE corner of Township 1N, Range 29E, thence W to SW corner of Township 1N, Range 29E, thence N to NW corner of Township 1N, Range 29E, thence W to SW corner of Section 34, Township 2N, Range 27E, thence N to the point of beginning.

1.) Ground based silver iodide generators will be located in Grant, Wheeler, Wasco, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, and Sherman Counties.

3.) The period of operation will be from on or before December 1, 1957 to on or about June 1, 1958. 4.) November 18, 1957.

Patrick F. King
Water Resources Development Corp., W. 1017 Riverside, Spokane 1, Washington 4-6c

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filled in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, their Final Account as Executors of the Estate of T. J. Coyle, deceased, and that Monday, the 23rd day of December, 1957, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.

Harold D. Eakin
Norris Gillison
Executors

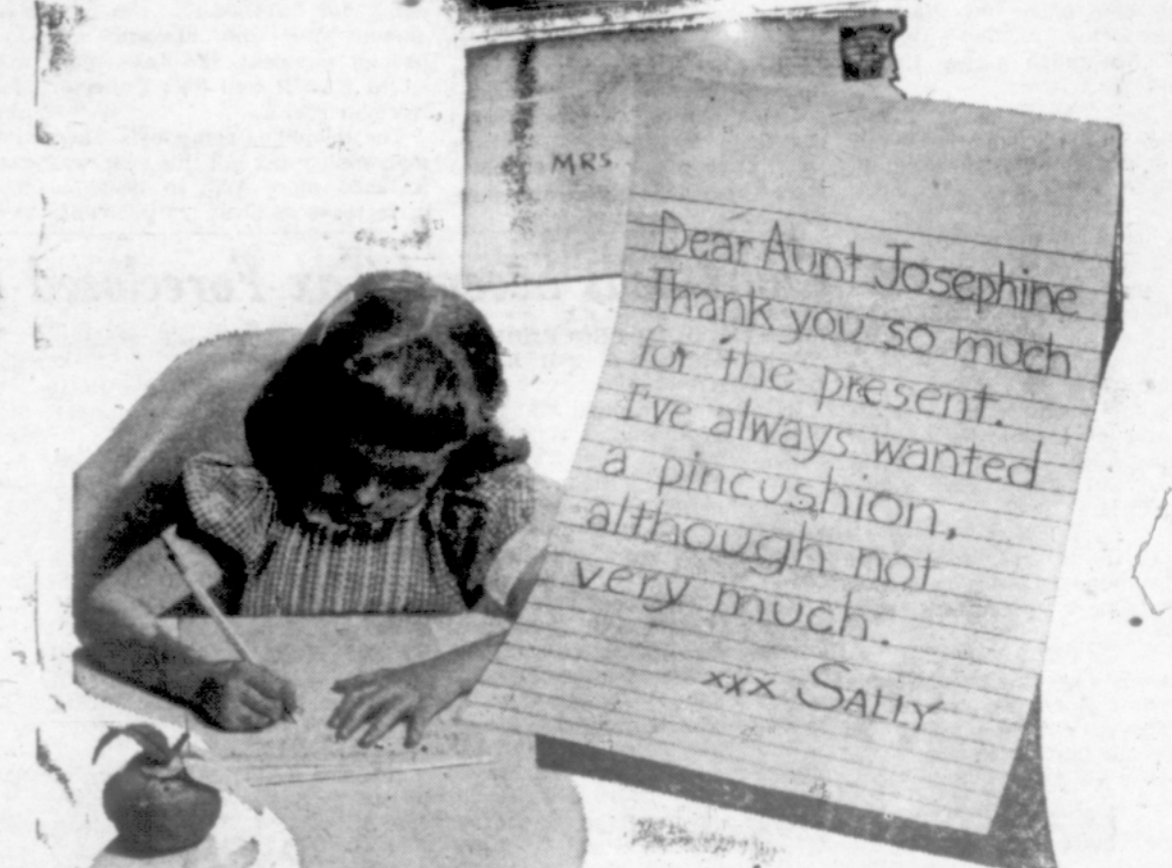
T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Executors 3-6c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Dell H. Wright, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administratrix, with Will Annexed, of the Last Will and Testament of Dell H. Wright, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, Attorney at Law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this Notice, to-wit: November 22, 1957.

Sally A. Wright
Administratrix, with Will Annexed

T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Administratrix. 3-6c



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