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These Things We Note

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The latest edition of Shadows, the magazine of the Oregon penitentiary, is a centennial edition and it properly tells the history of the Oregon State penitentiary. Would that every organization had done as well.

TTWN

In just a few years now the ability to blow up a city will be spread to many who may not be responsible and mankind will be able to destroy itself. And it probably will.

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We shall see whether congress is more afraid of taxpayers or road users, whether it is more afraid of citizens or labor leaders. And it will be very illuminating.

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That which becomes easy loses respect.

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One of the tricks of living is to arrange a proper balance of dependence. If we depend on no one we become isolated; if we depend too much we become beggars.

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The cigarette smoker burns up X number of dollars worth of tobacco in a year and through carelessness destroys 2X dollars of property.

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Neither Mr. Eisenhower nor Mr. Kruschchev will have to hesitate to brush hair out their eyes when they argue.

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Silence is a conversational shield everyone can use; not all can utilize words in defense.

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The truth of it seems to be that labor doesn't want any controls at all.

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Wagon train members must wonder whether it was harder to cross the country amidst curious and persistent whites with a fancy for their own voice or to cross amidst red Indians who generally kept their distance and didn't talk so much.

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Pensioners are said to live in old fashioned houses in Portland. They always did.

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We note daily the percentage standings in the coast league. Never have the teams been closer with no more than four games separating the first seven teams. Anyone can win and some team will.

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A man is doing well selling a book about how he turned \$1000 into a million in spare time. Very engaging subject, but most likely impossible for many. First, there's not that many millions and not many have a thousand.

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Among the old problems that have been rendered inconsequential is how many raisins to put on a piece of sticky fly paper to attract live customers.

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All over the world farm land is being used for home building, a process that has definite limits which may already have been reached.

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We have been reading a book by Harry Golden, a New York Jew, who is editor of the Carolina Israelite, a magazine consisting of his editorials and essays. He has made a personal and financial success of it and we are happy to see an individualist succeed in this period of public prating on security, togetherness and other evidence of cowardice.

NALL

Suppose some popular leader took the land and divided it up among his followers. He would be very much the hero to those who got the land, although they could hardly feel secure. Dividing the property of the rich is an old trick of dictators and radicals. What is really needed is an improvement in the quality of the poor so they can live without such thievery.

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We read that a shortage of hides may cause an increase in the price of shoes. We fail to get the connection. Who wears leather shoes?

41st Anniversary Of 1918 Contingent To Be Sept. 6

Theodore Johnston has sent out invitations to members of the group that went to World War I on September 5, 1918 to another meeting to be held at the Moro Hotel, Sunday, September 6.

Last year the remaining members met in fortieth reunion in September and had so much fun visiting they voted to meet again this year and Mr. Johnston was named to arrange the meeting.

Invitations were sent to 18, whose addresses are known.

LESLIE WEBB HERE

Leslie E. Webb of King City, Calif., and Rod Webb of Beaverton were here Tuesday to look at the Webb building. Leslie wanted to do some visiting among friends of 60 years ago and with former students of his teaching days.



The wagon train turns at Biggs near the old depot while state police, national guardsmen and local police assure them passage way. A wheat truck at the right awaits.

Wagon Train Spends Night at Biggs, Last Before Reaching End of Oregon Trail

The thirty members of the wagon train who drove horses and mules across the western plains in emulation of the emigrants of the 1840s passed through Sherman county Friday and Saturday, camping at Biggs Friday night to the delight of citizens and children who went to the camp to watch scenes once very familiar.

Despite the great publicity that has been written and pictured about the train and its people, Sherman countians found them to be human beings oddly unspoiled by it all. They pulled into the appointed camp ground, which was but partially shaded and very sandy, unharnessed and ate lunch from the cook wagon with as little concern as if a hundred people were not watching them.

They were bearded and smooth shaven, mostly the former, tanned and comfortably dressed in clothes of fit the 90 degree day. They answered questioned politely although certainly the same questions had been asked them a thousand times since they started from Independence, Mo., April 19.

Much of the stuff that has been written about them is fiction born of the ignorance of the moderns who write it. The wagons are called Conestoga wagons and the names on them plainly state they are Bains, Mitchells, Studebakers and one looked like the manufacture of T. G. Mandt. They were not made in Eugene by Roy Brabham but in Racine, Wisconsin, by Mitchell and in other places by well known wagon makers. The wagons are in good shape and only three or four tires have had

to be tightened during the trip. That was done with a hydraulic jack carried for that purpose.

The stock is in good shape, too, the horses a little thin but in good working condition. There are few sore shoulders or necks. Mules stood the trip better than horses, as any mule owner would suspect. The wagons, trucks and canyons are covered with the names of thousands of persons who could not resist making this slight pitch for everlasting commemoration.

The oft-written and stated story that 600 and then 1100 pounds of horse shoes had been used on the trip is as fictitious as a Russian promise. Whoever started it had no knowledge of the weight and durability of a No. 3 mule shoe.

But these examples of the extravagancies of American advertising take nothing away from the men and women and children who did drive covered wagons clear across the western part of the United States. They traveled the best route they could find, as did the original emigrants; they camped in the most comfortable spots; they made no attempt to follow the original trail which has long been fenced and is impassable. In fact, the original trail may be as much as ten or more miles wide in places. It is so even in Sherman county.

Friday evening the Sherman County Club and the Centennial committee were hosts to the members of the wagon train party at dinner at the Frontier Cafe near Biggs. Saturday morning they were guests of Jack Beers at Dinty's. Friday evening Bob Ferrell, as chairman, introduced local persons present and Giles French spoke briefly about the first trail used by the 19th century emigrants.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Carnine, he the scout who rides the palomino horse, flew to Roseburg where he is deputy sheriff, on account of the disaster that befell that town Thursday night. A squad of citizens guarded the train during their stay but local persons were not inclined to bother the wagons or their contents. After all, it was less than 40 years ago that Sherman countians were hauling wheat on similar 34 wagons pulled by horses and mules of similar type.

County Agent Asks Big Fair Entry List

Sherman County Fair—August 27-28—is just around the corner. With harvest nearing completion this is a good time to make plans for exhibiting at this year's fair. Exhibits in all divisions are needed—grain, flowers, household arts, livestock, and what have you. Your support by exhibiting or attending this year's 50th fair anniversary is needed. Fair premium books are available at Sherman county grocery stores; Mrs. Bill Coons, fair association secretary, or the Sherman county agent's office.

The 4-H club members are busy getting their stock, dresses, and cakes ready for fair. The 4-H livestock exhibit will be the largest ever this year with over 150 animals including sheep, swine, horses and beef. Club members entering any of the various contests are asked to have their contest card application form returned by August 22. In all phases it looks like a banner year for 4-H exhibits at the '59 county fair.

Livestock Auction Time 6 p.m. Sharp Saturday, Aug. 29

Plans for the 4-H and FFA meat animal sale, August 29, during the Sherman County Fair were made last week states Howard Ross, committee chairman. The auction is an annual event during the county fair, August 27-30, sponsored by the Sherman County Cattle-men's Association.

One hundred twenty to twenty five head of stock are scheduled to be sold by local 4-H and FFA members. Forty-seven beef, thirty five sheep and forty swine will be offered by sale following judging of classes Thursday and Friday.

Sale time has been set for 6:00 p. m., and will start the Saturday evening fair program. The event will be held in front of the sheep and swine barns with Kenny Grossmiller, The Dalles, as auctioneer.

The auction sale provides an opportunity for local people to secure excellent quality locker meat, states Ross. Club members are not required to sell stock they have raised and exhibited at the county fair, but the sale gives them an opportunity to dispose of their market animal projects locally.

The auction is a public event for anyone to bid and buy. Interested buyers who cannot attend may place bids with auction sale committee members or the county agent's office, Moro. Resale and slaughter service is available. Members of the committee besides Ross are: Marvin Thomas, Kenny Crews, Hans Bardenhagen, Frank Reid, Lloyd Henrichs, Leonard Fields, Willard Rolfe, Marvin Robertson, Bill Jefferies, John Decker and T. W. Thompson.

Guests See Roseburg

Week end guests at the John Robinson home were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chorba of Aberdeen, Wn., Mrs. Chorba and Mrs. Robinson are cousins. The Chorbas were visiting his sister in Roseburg the night of the explosion last week. Mr. Chorba stated that though his sister's home is on the opposite side of the river from the site of the blast, both chimneys were twisted and the mantel pulled loose. The latch on the door of the room occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Chorba was short off, and they were imprisoned within for some moments. The raging fire jumped to a small island in the river and denuded it before starting a grass fire on the opposite bank. Quick work controlled this blaze with little damage. Mr. Chorba said, "The front door of Mercy Hospital was crumpled like an accordion. The destruction is almost unbelievable to one who hasn't seen it. However, the residents of Roseburg deserve much praise. Though stunned temporarily by the disaster, within two hours the Red Cross had established stations in two locations, and their civil defense unit had gone into operation."

Alleys Have Reunion

During the past several weeks Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole have been hosts to Mrs. Cole's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Yardley, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yardley, from Nashville, Tenn. A family reunion at Sorois park, with 72 present, was a highlight of the visit. Present for the reunion were, besides the Coles and their visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Moore of Walla Walla, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scheveley and Mr. and Mrs. Earl McKinney and son Allen, of Hermiston, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Munkler, with their son in law, daughter and grandson from Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. Leland McKinney of Ione, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Stout and son, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stout and family of Portland, Paul Stout of Parkdale, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunt of Canby, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKinney and daughter Beverly of Salem, Steve Corken, Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jones, daughter Susan and friend Mary of Stockton, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Ash Marlin and Mrs. Kate Alley of Selah, Wn., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waney and children of Newberg, Mrs. Willis and children of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alley and Mr. and Mrs. George Benson of Moro, with the Bensons daughter and son in law and children of The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Alley, The Dalles, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Alley and daughter Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. John Alley and children of Grass Valley, and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McKinney and son Bryant of Wasco.

Fires Burn Grass, Stubble In Many Places This Week

Fires have been frequent in the past two weeks with a siren blast nearly every day. Except for the DeMoss fire the fires have been mostly in stubble and grass.

Down Spanish Hollow the hills are black, around Rufus fire burned the grass, fire burned over some 60 acres of stubble on the Pal Wallace leasehold Monday (Lou Peetz back quarter) in a high wind and a fire starting on the Hattrup place burned eastward for several hours in stubble.

Biggest and longest fire has been a grass fire southwest of Grass Valley in the Lickskillet district. It reportedly started west of Jim Brown's in Elder creek and spread both ways since last Saturday when it began burning. It may have burned 10,000 acres of dry grass between the Sherar's bridge road (Highway 216) and a line south of Jones canyon a mile or so where backfires were set.

Crews from Moro and Grass Valley worked Tuesday evening in an effort to corral the fire which they probably did although on a front so long and in such rough terrain it is impossible to be sure. A light rain helped the fire fighters.

OILING DONE

The job of oiling the curbs on First street, started some months ago with graveling, was completed Thursday by Marshal Cochran which will prevent the growth of weeds along the streets come next spring.

Brand Recording Must Be Done

The state department of agriculture sent brand re-recording application forms to exactly 14,362 livestock owners in Oregon during July; recording supervisor, C. B. Liechty, reports.

Recorded brands expire every five years unless renewed. Owners have until the end of this year to re-record if they wish to retain ownership of the brand they are using.

Liechty says dozens of brand notices have been returned with postoffice notification "deceased". If descendants are to claim the brands, proof of new ownership must be submitted with application for transfer of the brand.

Cancer Drive Success In Sherman

The goal for the Cancer campaign was again exceeded this year, according to Mrs. Frank von Borstel, Sherman county chairman. Due to the generosity of the people, the untiring efforts of the local chairmen and co-workers, the kindness of Estel Hartley and Everett Cantrall in showing a cancer film and the local newspaper in printing timely items the amount of \$1504 was raised. This includes \$174.00 which has been sent as memorials since last fall.

Among the chairmen and co-workers who so generously donated their time and cars during the drive were: Mrs. Ernest Esslinger, county vice-chairman, Mrs. Earl Gentry and Mrs. Dewey Thompson, co-chairmen of the Moro area assisted by Mrs. Chas. Burnett, Mrs. Orlov Martin, Mrs. Loy Cochran, Mrs. George Geiser, Mrs. Glenn Virtue, Mrs. Lloyd Belshee and Mrs. W. E. Nichols; Mrs. Eben Kee, chairman Grass Valley area, assisted by Mrs. Edgar Alley, Mrs. Frank Ketter, Mrs. Dean Reynolds, Mrs. Alfred Payne, Mrs. Art Schilling and Mrs. Benny Payne; Mrs. Harley McKay, Mrs. Robert Tatum and Mrs. Richard Wilson of the Kent area; Mrs. Keith McDonald, chairman of the Wasco and Rufus area, assisted by Mrs. W. H. McDonald, co-chairman of the Rufus area. Her helpers of Wasco area were: Mrs. Floyd Root, Mrs. Fred Anderson, Mrs. Walter Bruckert, Mrs. Dewey Thomas, Mrs. John Foss, Mrs. Jerry Barnett, Mrs. Harold Engberg, Mrs. Philip O'Meara, Mrs. T. Lester Johnson, Mrs. Kenneth Malloy, Mrs. Clyde Fridley and Mrs. Paul Patrick. In the Rufus area helpers were: Mrs. Walter Talbott, Mrs. Kenneth Spagle, Mrs. Wm. Huck, Miss Bernice Morris and Jerry Brackett.

This campaign against cancer was endorsed by the Governor of the State and by many fraternal, patriotic, agricultural and church organizations.



"Pop" Clark drives the Hillsboro wagon while his mules dine in Missouri.



Rudy Roudabaugh of Drain utilized it three times to get such a stand. To the left is Mrs. Roudabaugh and to the right is Ben Griffith of Independence.

About the County being news about people you know or know about

Mrs. Arthur Sargent entertained at a coffee hour last week in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Paul Patrick. Among those who enjoyed the gathering were Mrs. Keith McDonald, Mrs. Claude Bartlemay, Mrs. Harry VanGilder, Mrs. Robert Dunn, Mrs. Mamie Potter, Mrs. Idah Everett, Mrs. Leona VanGilder and the latter's grand daughter, Donna Jean Gunneis.

Mrs. Sallie Wright entertained Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Royse and Mrs. Augusta Royse at dinner Wednesday in honor of her sister, Mrs. Rhoda Barnett, who is visiting here from California.

Members of the West Wind Riders club who took part in the wagon train parade at The Dalles last Saturday were the Leo Watkins and Donnie, John Kellogg and Jack. Mr. and Mrs. George Weedman took their horses down, intending to ride, but were delayed by the heavy traffic and did not arrive in time.

Edwin R. Fritts of Grass Valley will be the guest speaker at the Wasco Methodist church Sunday, August 16.

Larry Eddings, pastor of the Wasco Methodist church, will leave Saturday for a week at Camp Magruder, where he will be dean of the intermediate or junior high group. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Eddings and Mary Ann Haven, both of whom will assist with the classes.

The Dalles proved a popular place for several Wasco families over the weekend. One group included Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Royse, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Broughton, Mrs. Augusta Royse, Mrs. Sallie Wright

Mrs. Leona Van Gilder, Walt Eaton, from Wasco; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gunneis and Donna Jean of Moro; Mrs. Harry Walther and Mrs. Iva Christen of The Dalles, met at Sorois park for a picnic on Sunday. Some went early to visit the wagon train camp and attend church services there before going on to the picnic.

All of the town of Rufus came to attention about 10 a. m. Monday morning when smoke was seen drifting towards the sky from the Rufus school vicinity. The townspeople came with shovels, hoses and different forms of tools to combat the fire which began in the grass back of the school building. There was a strong west wind which took the fire rapidly east over the grassland to the road east that goes out of Rufus towards Wasco. The houses bordering that edge of town were endangered, and everywhere hoses were used to fight sparks which might come toward the buildings. Also a barn of baled hay was in the path of the fire, a tractor with a scrapper made a clean path so nothing could burn through it.

The Wasco fire truck was on the job seeing that none of the buildings caught fire. It was reported that some of the young fry were seen smoking behind the school just previous to the fire starting. The grass there was quite rank and it all burned quickly. The fire which the town had several months ago burned a bit south of this fire.

Miss Patricia Blackburne accompanied Etienne Marshall home to Hermiston Tuesday afternoon to spend the night visiting there. While up there they expected to see some of the girls attending Eastern Oregon college of which both girls are students.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Mosley and daughters, Linda and Barbara, spent several days vacationing. The Mosleys had stopped in Portland to pick up their daughter, Barbara, who has spent the summer there with her grandmother.