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These Things We Note

Giles L. French

That man arrested and fined for saying to an airline stewardess that he might have a bomb in his bag is victim of a particularly foolish law.

TTWN
We don't know what Adlai Stevenson is trying to do and doubt if he does, but he always puts on a good act that tickles the lefties' nose.

TTWN
Something is probably wrong with our foreign policy but we are sure that if we take most of the advice given we will be changing the wrong thing.

TTWN
Those who want to influence public opinion use many tactics and newspapers are usually in direct line. Yet public opinion seems to be the sole property of the public; people think and say things they have thought all by themselves. If there was more interest in understanding the public there would be less need for ways to change its thinking.

TTWN
If mobs as in Cuba, Korea, Africa and Japan keep it up long enough some ruler (and we mean ruler) will come along with the determination and machine guns to end it all, together with millions of rioters. You can't have both civilization and rioting.

TTWN
One of the things this year's campaign may do is to inform people on one matter: Congress makes the laws effecting agriculture, the department of agriculture merely administers them.

TTWN
The first day of official summer was almost warm enough for February.

TTWN
Big cities having lost population will probably be anxious to annex new territory. However, big cities are too geographically as well as in population.

TTWN
We wish the Oregon Highway commission had had the nerve to tell the federal government where to go when ordered to use white paint for division lines. In fact, we'd like to vote for a lot of mean local officials and a lot of weak national officials in order to blow a bunch of bureaucracy sky high.

TTWN
One of the handicaps of a democracy is citizens with their toes in the public trough who fight to keep them there disregarding the nation's welfare. One now in the spotlight is the national guard.

TTWN
The government has just decided to give Indians some more money because the price decided upon a 100 years ago was too small. How crazy can you get? Maybe we should sue an assortment of employers who paid a measly \$35 a month for farm labor 40 years ago. If they were as crazy as the government we would.

TTWN
We are now 15 years past the last World War and it's about time the world settled down to some stability. It is no time for superlatives, excesses or depressions but of steady progress.

TTWN
Firing the manager may be the only way to express a club owner's disgust, but it seldom helps team standings and engenders a feeling of insecurity among players.

TTWN
If the once frozen plants in the gardens get around to making a crop before the fall frosts it will be a miracle.

TTWN
What percentage of the people of any generation have actually contributed anything to the progress or civilization of the human race? It is probably very small. Yet, nearly every human has benefited and many of those have been anxious to deny reward to those who did the work.

TTWN
The price of staying away from home has gone up tremendously. But the price of staying at home is also up.

County Club To Meet June 28; See Big Game Pictures

The Sherman County Club will meet at the Masonic hall next Tuesday night with Beefo's catering the meal. Meeting time has been set at eight o'clock by Frank Ketter, president.

Bob Ferrell, program chairman, says that Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dodson of The Dalles will come to the meeting and bring their big game pictures of northwest animals. These pictures are said to be a most interesting collection and well explained by the Dodsons who have been hunting and picture enthusiasts for many years.

Club members and interested citizens are expected to attend.

Fair Books Printed;

The Sherman County Fairbooks have been printed and will be ready for distribution by next week so that exhibitors can look and see what they may win by bringing in the best sheaf of wheat, the best pig, the finest cake or the lushest pumpkin.

There has been little change in the content of books although several classes of cattle have been dropped and a number of rules eliminated.

Oregon Land On Rise, Average \$97

Oregon farmland values continued to move upward this spring to a level nearly 5 per cent above a year ago, Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at OSC, explained.

March 1 of this year, the per-acre value of farmlands in the state, with improvements, stood 2 per cent higher than last November and nearly 5 per cent above March 1959. Mrs. Horrell found as she studied reports from the USDA agricultural research service.

Grazing land values increased the most during the year, registering an 8 per cent jump. Irrigated land in the state was up 5 per cent and dry farmland up 3 per cent.

Rate of farm sales stayed about the same as the previous year, Mrs. Horrell said. About 67 out of each 1000 farms in the state changed hands. Voluntary sales and trades made up about 52 of these, foreclosures 5, and other sales 10.

Total market value of farm real estate in Oregon is now estimated at around \$2 billion, Mrs. Horrell also found. This is close to \$100 million over the previous year, for an increase of about 5 per cent.

Average value per acre of this farmland was estimated at \$97.64. And while this was an increase over the previous year, the average value of farmlands in Oregon is still below the estimated national value per acre.

Business Willing To Pay Postage

It's a rare occasion when anyone urges the government to "charge this to me, and stop making the taxpayers foot the bill."

That is happening, however, in the matter of the business man and postal rates.

It is a good bet that three out of every four letters, parcels, pamphlets and magazines that the mail men will deliver today were dropped in the mail by business firms.

In 20th century America, the Post Office mostly serves business firms, helping them to earn profits. Yet total postal deficits since World War II amount for \$6.8 billion of the \$25 billion increase in the national debt.

Businesses have benefited at taxpayers' expense from postal subsidies. So it may surprise many that it is the American business community as a whole which is taking the lead in urging Congress to put the Post Office on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Speaking through organizations like the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, business men are urging rate increases. Some large mail users disagree. They say that the Post Office is a public service, that taxpayers should bear part of the cost. Their spokesmen are calling for taxpayers to underwrite more than a quarter billion dollars a year of postal deficits.

City Buys Fire Truck; Delivery In Sixty Days

The city council has accepted a bid on purchase of a new fire truck which will cost the city \$11,434.12. The ordinance for the purchase made possible an appropriation for \$10,000.

The bid accepted was from the Western States Fire Equipment company of Cornelius, Oregon for the equipment which amounted to \$8,141.62 and from the Cushman Equipment Co. for the chassis of \$3,292.50.

On the truck will be a 750 gallon per minute pumper, a 400 gallon tank and booster hoses and other equipment not detailed. The chassis will be a standard International truck.

The budget was approved as printed at a later meeting no one appearing to either protest or acclaim.

A committee consisting of Councilmen George Schlopp Jr., Andy Paulson and

was named to meet with the Chris Schultz post, American Legion concerning the Legion's request for use of the corner of the city park for a possible recreation building to be constructed with funds of the Legion and the Moro Woman's club, both of which have money from the sale of hats.

Motion was made to repair the footbridge across to the playing field in the park, it being past usefulness in present condition.

Fair Board Thanks Workers At Grounds

The Sherman County Fair Board wishes to express its appreciation to the men who came in and helped on the Work Day and to those who returned the following day to finish several of the projects which were not completed.

If anyone who was unable to attend June 15 or 16 would like to contribute a day's effort, there are still 30 posts to be set around the rodeo arena and a fence to be completed, and any offers of assistance will be appreciated.

There will be some painting as soon as the restrooms are completed and the remodeling of the existing restrooms into dressing rooms is finished, so if anyone who would be available for painting will tell either a member of the board or the secretary arrangements will be made to have the necessary supplies available.

County Business Done At June Meetings of Court

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS JUNE 1, 1960

RE MINUTES: Minutes of regular meeting of May 4, 1960, Special meetings of May 17 and May 24, 1960, approved as read.

RE CLAIMS: Claims allowed and ordered paid as presented against general fund and road fund.

RE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: For month of May presented—approved and ordered filed.

RE GASOLINE CONSUMPTION: For month of May presented—approved and ordered filed.

RE ROAD BALANCES: For month of May presented—approved and ordered filed.

RE TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY: Court signs deed conveying foreclosed property to Glen Wallace et ux; Fractional portions of lots 5 & 6 Block 6 in McPherson's Second Addition to Wasco.

RE TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Court instructs Treasurer to transfer following sinking funds to general road fund: FAS Maintenance and Macadam Maintenance Fund. Also to transfer Dog Tax Fund to General Fund.

RE RESIGNATION OF SHERIFF GEO. J. GEISER JR., submits resignation as Sheriff of Sherman County effective June 30, 1960.

RE ROAD IMPROVEMENT: Road Supervisor instructed to grade and rock road from residence of Max Barzee north to top of hill north of base line road.

ADJOURNED TO JUNE 15, 1960. COURT MET IN SPECIAL SESSION JUNE 15, 1960 at Call of County Judge.

RE BIDS: Court to ask for bids on Gasoline and Diesel consumption. No bids on tires.

RE WEED ACCOUNT: G. Hood from OSC meets with court re:

Field Day at Range Station Gives Chance To Learn About Range Management

Amount of salable beef, rather than number of cows, produced per acre is the key to successful ranch management. Ways to get the most beef per acre were explained to visitors at the annual field day held Friday on the Squaw Butte-Harney Branch Experiment Station near Burns.

Keeping careful records and trying a number of management practices during the 1946-59 period, livestock and range research scientists at the station were able to produce more beef per acre at the same time they were decreasing cow numbers. They did this by increasing the number of pounds of salable beef put on each animal.

Clue to their success is found in their livestock and ranch management program. Native ranges were improved by using a delayed turnout date in the spring to give range plants a good start, hauling water to encourage cows to reach remote forage areas, spraying for brush control, fertilizing and seeding better soil areas of crested wheatgrass for spring grazing.

Using a phosphorus and protein supplement, along with salting, were also found to be important under certain range or forage conditions, the scientists said. Culling poor producing cows, shortening the breeding season, using high replacement selection standards, and use of tested herd bulls were also major parts of their program.

Use of crested wheatgrass was found to be particularly important during the spring and early summer season. In their research, the scientists found that crested wheatgrass will produce as good gains on beef cattle as native grasses, and, what's more, cattle like it.

Protein appears to be a major factor in the quality of crested wheatgrass, the range scientists at the station found in experiments carried on in the summers of 1958 and 1959. In these studies, yearling steers were grazed on crested wheatgrass from the first of May until the middle of August.

The yearling steers received enough crude protein from the crested wheatgrass through May and June, the researchers learned, but about July 1 the amount of protein in the grass fell to the critical level. This means feeding a protein supplement to cattle on crested wheatgrass would be

economical after this time, the scientists pointed out.

Even with this lower protein content, crested wheatgrass will still give top gains, they said. Grazing data collected at the station during August of 1956 and 1957, using yearlings on both top quality native and crested wheatgrass ranges, showed animals doing better on the crested wheatgrass ranges. The yearlings gained an average of 0.78 pounds per day on the crested wheatgrass range, compared to 0.49 pounds per day on native grass ranges.

Grass seeding methods were explained.

Chemical sagebrush control is another way to increase grass and beef production on eastern Oregon ranges, station scientists pointed out.

Aerial spraying, using 2,4-D, is easy, fast, and efficient when done correctly, visitors to the station were told.

Safe thing to do is spray at 25 feet or lower. A research project showed that this level killed 90% of the sagebrush on 600 acres treated and didn't leave swaths in the field.

Test area sprayed by a plane flying more than 50 feet high still has nearly half its original sagebrush and already needs another spray job.

Weather Favorable For Wheat Crop

Weather for the third week in June was all that a wheat farmer with fears about the lasting qualities of the moisture under his crop could ask. He might have been unduly optimistic and asked for a big rain. He didn't get that but did get some small showers and some very cool weather.

A visitor might have called it cold, a native with loyalty to his country would have stuck with cool. For the record it was reported to have been no more than 37 one night this week and that is a temperature that offers no encouragement to any crop but wheat.

There are spots in nearly every field that look as if the moisture was mostly gone from its soil and the crop's leaves are turning brown. However if the wheat is headed and cool weather remains long enough it can mature a satisfactory crop.

Republicans Plan Picnic; Invite All To Meet Candidates

Republicans are going to have a picnic.

Irving Hart has arranged for candidates for state and district office to attend and has set the date for July 10 at DeMoss Springs park. It will begin at 1:30 p. m.

Already confirmation has been received from Elmo Smith, former governor of Oregon and candidate for United States senator, and invitations have been sent to Howell Appling Jr., candidate for Secretary of State, Howard Belton, candidate for State Treasurer, Carl Francis, candidate for Attorney General, Ron Phair, candidate for Congress from the Second Oregon District, George Stadelman, candidate for State Senator and Paulen Kaseberg, candidate for the lower house. Most of them are expected to attend.

The Republicans are having the picnic but are inviting everyone who would like to meet the candidates and by all means this includes Democrats, says Mr. Hart.

Ernest Woods has been named as finance chairman for the Sherman County Republican central committee.

John Thomas Gets Science Trial

John C. Thomas of Wasco, is one of 150 selected high school boys from Oregon, Washington and California enrolled in a unique "Junior Engineers and Scientists Summer Institute" at Oregon State College.

To qualify, boys must have demonstrated outstanding promise in science and must have been recommended for the special program by their instructors and principal.

Beef Cattle Have Good Climate Here

Oregon has the right combination of resources and market potential to make the future bright for the state's beef cattle industry forecasts Marion Thomas, Oregon State college extension agricultural economist.

But, he emphasized, to make the best eating, Oregon cattle need to spend some time in feedlots.

Six factors prompting the agricultural economist to predict further growth in the beef cattle industry include:

1. Oregon cattle and feed raisers are near the fastest-growing group of highly-paid beef eaters in the world. He pointed out that the West Coast population has grown by more than one-third in the past 10 years and is expected to gain nearly as fast in the next 10 years.

2. Oregon has cattle to feed—more than 600,000 calves are born in Oregon each year. This is 50 per cent more than 10 years ago. More than two-thirds of these are beef cattle. Besides calves and yearlings, Oregon cattle herds yield about 75,000 cows each year. These numbers can be increased by rangeland improvement, shifting land and feed from other uses, supplemental feeding, and other methods as economic conditions warrant.

3. Supply of grain available has been record large, and will continue to be.

4. Feeding of hay could be increased, for pelleting and wafering make it more feasible to move hay into production areas.

5. Wheat could be available for feeding in substantial amounts if federal legislation were changed to permit pricing at feed levels.

6. Oregon has the marketing facilities to move cattle to feed lots and beef products to consumers.

On the other side of the picture Thomas pointed out that a feedlot needs to operate on a year-round basis and handle relatively large amount of livestock and feed to be efficient and successful.

This takes people with know-how and relatively large amounts of capital. The know-how can be learned from county extension agents, feed companies, marketing agencies, farm press and others.

The capital is available when necessary terms can be met. Thomas said. Reluctance to put capital into cattle feeding ventures should gradually give way to opportunities are recognized and equipment as experience builds confidence.

Grain Growers Entertain At Annual Meeting

The Moro Grain Growers held another annual meeting Saturday and, as has become usual, it was a community party which everyone attended.

In the forenoon the board held the state with details of management for the year, the auditor reporting, the re-electing of Lloyd Henrichs, Irving Hart and Joe Heater as directors, the report of W. A. Richards about the Production Export company that in 12 months has sold 36 million bushels of grain to foreign countries and his explanation of the new export elevator of the North Pacific Grain Growers at Kalama, Wash.

There was a verbal statement about a written report on the success of weather modification in these parts by the company of that name headquartered at San Jose, California. Arnett S. Dennis showed his charts that contained rainfall information for Dufur, The Dalles and Sherman county points to prove to his satisfaction that rainmaking had brought more than average amount of rain to this area. The vote indicated disbelief being 27 No and 6 Yes.

Maurice Roe of Dayton, Wash., member of the Washington Wheat commission, and a grain co-op manager, told of the troubles of the Washington commission which a district court judge had just declared unconstitutional. How to change the law to make the commission conform is a hard enough question but what to do with the funds of an unconstitutional corporation is a worse one, he said.

Mr. Roe introduced Jogindar Nath Sarid, assistant director of Grain Storage in India, a young man of 30, schooled in Bombay and New Delhi and a native of the Punjab, the grain province adjoining Pakistan.

He noted the contrast in India brought on by the sudden changes of political freedom. The old and the new may be seen together in transportation, sugar making, textiles and steel. But the country is still beautiful with exotic flowers and mountain scenery of the Himalayas and with different greens of jungle and agricultural trees.

The problems of feeding the 400 million Indians has slowed the economic growth of the country which has potential ability to become a garden when developed and to become a democratic power second to none.

The buffet dinner was served by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson to a room full of members and guests and the Journal Juniors and Seniors took over with a program of music and dancing, led by extrovert Larry McClung. There was a dancing pair of dolls, a small Jack Larson who sang, a champion baton twirler, who had won her baton in competition, Roy Grant, a puppeteer with a whole family of pets, acrobats, magicians, an accordionist, all young and all able to entertain.

Honor For Nelsons Scheduled Tuesday

A public reception is planned by The Chamber of Commerce for Tuesday evening, June 28, at The Dalles Hotel Blue Room in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace S. Nelson who will have reached their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. Nelson has long been secretary of The Dalles Chamber and has been responsible for much of the change that has come to the area in the 30 years of his work there.

Friends are invited to come between the hours of five and eight to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and join with chamber members and The Dalles citizens in the occasion.

4-H CLUB NEWS

The Kent Livestock club met June 11 at the Verne Mobley home for its monthly meeting. Everyone present practiced handling sheep for showing. Fair was discussed. Teresa Bardenhagen gave a demonstration on resetting a plant. Next meeting we will tour other members projects. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Mobley.