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**THE SOUTHERN JACKSON COUNTY FAIR EARN'S ITS SPURS!**

If doubt existed in the minds of interested parties as to the advisability of holding a fair in the southern part of Jackson county that doubt was entirely removed Saturday and Sunday when the Bellview and Talent Granges staged the first Southern Jackson county fair at the Bellview Grange and school. The initial effort of the Patrons of Husbandry was marked with success.

Exhibits were many and of a high order. Attendance, while light on Saturday, more than met expectations on Sunday and the fair resolved into a community picnic where all enjoyed a good time at small expense and without having to endure the usual fanfare and hocus-pocus accompanying the larger and more pretentious exhibitions.

Preparation for a fair, even on the relatively small scale of the Southern Jackson county event, involves a lot of work. This fact may readily be attested to by the Grangers. It is one thing to decide to have a fair and quite another thing to interest exhibitors to participate. In this, the initial effort, the sponsors were entirely successful. The finest products of Jackson county were on exhibition, not because of the small financial gain to be had from premium money but because producers of the district believe that no other region has more to offer and they are proud to show the home folks what can be done here.

Ashland should co-operate with the Grangers in establishing the fair as an annual event. Results to be obtained from this type of community enterprise are more far reaching than some of the entertainment features promoted in the city and no financial risk is involved.

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**TURNED TABLES MAY BE HUMANITY'S GREATEST HOPE FOR SURVIVAL!**

Although Americans pride themselves in being a docile, peace-loving people, many are deriving quiet satisfaction from reading accounts of effective counter-raids being carried out by the Royal Air Force of England against Germany and German-held areas.

So reason most folks that if there must be a bloody war, then let the attacking side also feel the sting of destruction, the heartbreak of wanton death. Let the foe who loves to dish it out take it too.

Talk to any veteran of the last war and he'll declare that the allies should have marched right on through to Berlin then and given the hinterland a belly full of what war really means. And now, for the first time, the efficient, thorough aryan finds war smashing HIS homes, paralyzing HIS factories and mangling HIS families. The awfulness of what he is doing might occur to HIM, if the retaliatory raids by the RAF continue.

And for that reason the recently aloof American now can be seen cheering with genuine enthusiasm and admiration for his British cousins who are so courageously fighting back. It is an American conviction that those who have been visited by war's terrors lose their taste for it and, until now, the habitually aggressive German has done his fighting on others' soil.

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**WILLKIE IS A GOOD MAN, YES— IF YOU'RE HIS KIND OF PEOPLE!**

How times change! A few short months ago Wendell Willkie gained national prominence, and the undying gratitude of Wall Street, by acting as the spearhead in the fight against public development of natural resources. Willkie, an unknown corporation lawyer and holding company president, made a "hero" of himself when he fought the Tennessee Valley development to the highest court in the land and did all in his power to obstruct and sabotage the government's effort to complete the conservation, navigation and power features of TVA.

Now, with a presidential election a few weeks away

**OUR DEMOCRACY** — by Mat

**FREE SPEECH**

**THOMAS JEFFERSON, WHO WROTE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, SAID: "TO SPEAK HIS THOUGHTS IS EVERY FREEMAN'S RIGHT."**

**JEFFERSON'S PRINCIPLE IS THE KEystone OF DEMOCRACY IN WHICH DIFFERENT OPINIONS ARE HEARD BEFORE ISSUES ARE DECIDED.**

**DICTATORS SMOTHER FREE SPEECH, SOMETIMES BY DEATH PENALTY — KEEP FROM THEIR PEOPLE THE INFORMATION WITH WHICH TO FORM OPINION.**

and with the republican nomination tucked into his strong box, Willkie comes to Oregon, home of another important public power project, and reverses his record and his previous stand on the public power issue. Unlike the leopard, he appears to be able to change his spots at will to suit local geography and the mind of voters.

Although The Miner is not terror-stricken at the remote possibility of a Willkie success in November, this newspaper finds a dwindling confidence in character of a man who changes his tune so easily just before election. If Wendell Willkie can reverse himself on public power now he conceivably might again reverse himself.

Wendell is a good man for a certain type of supporters. He is a holding company product, a Wall Street habitue and those whose interests lie in financial circles would be well represented by such a president. But the average orchard-run small business man, the farmer and laborer can well assume that such a darling of big business might not be the sympathetic champion of the common man which he pretends.

The Miner would rather judge Willkie on the power issue by his record of recent years than by his declarations on the eve of election. We've learned that politicians—and certainly Willkie is one, in his amateurish way—are not to be taken literally. They don't mean what they say, and they deftly avoid saying what they really mean.

Willkie is a Wall Streeter masquerading in plain clothes to kid the voting public.

**Lincoln School**

- On Sept. 23 Mr. Tripp began to teach instrumental music at the Lincoln school. Twenty-two pupils will meet three times a week for instruction. The wind instruments include clarinets, slide trombones, cornets and saxophones. The children hope to have a successful orchestra soon.
- The girls and boys of room 7 are having fun playing baseball together. The girls are showing the boys that they can play as good a game as they can.
- Room 6 has a food map of the United States that the boys and girls are enjoying very much. It shows the kinds of foods raised in the United States and where each is raised.
- Monday, Sept. 23, Dorothy Kiser from Bellview, Frank La Douceure from Pinehurst school and Alison Vestal from Lincoln school entered the 5 B class in room 6.
- Pauline McDougal of the fourth grade moved to Lakeview on Tuesday, Sept. 24. Her classmates are sorry that she left Lincoln school.
- The room officers of the fourth grade are: President, Roger Hall; vice president, Rena Russell, and secretary, Harry Kannasto.
- Philip La Douceure moved to Ashland and entered the fourth grade on Sept. 23.
- Geraldine Newman brought a kitten to school Wednesday. All the children liked it.
- James Crimmins moved away to Klamath Falls.
- The first grade children in room 1 had a reading party for the first grade children in room 2. They read their stories and served cheese crackers.
- Jimmy Dodson had a tooth pulled. His daddy pulled it.

**LETTERS**

To the Editor:  
You asked why I am against Roosevelt. Mott put a bill through congress to help dependents of Civil war veterans. My dad was one. Roosevelt vetoed the bill every time.  
MARION VAN NATTA.

● Nan Goeller of Klamath Falls visited here Sunday with friends. Miss Goeller is a former SOCE student.

**What Other Editors Are Saying!**

**REGRETTABLE TALK**  
Many people are beginning to wonder at the purpose that is guiding Wendell L. Willkie in the type of campaign through which he is seeking to be elected president of the United States.

Things are being said by the Republican nominee which should not be said in a time when the nation is busy preparing its physical defenses against possible armed threats to its independence. There is a certain amount of tolerance in the heat of campaign—if he is making progress. When he is campaigning backwards, as Willkie seems to be doing at this time, there is danger that some of his not-to-well informed charges may do permanent injury to the morale of citizens.

Either Willkie or his close advisors demonstrated a surprising lack of responsibility during the past week when the president was charged with being responsible for the Munich pact, and when the word Totalitarianism was hurled into the headlines. Even Willkie himself cannot be so confident that he is considering his election as assured. He must have imagination enough to admit the possibility that the president will again be returned to office. What, then, is his purpose in seeking to destroy the morale of the people? His talk is working against, rather than for him, and if even a small percentage of the people believe half the things he is shouting, the nation is in a fair way to being a shambles internally after election.

The Nazi fifth columnist works in ways that are devious, but his aim always is to destroy the confidence of the nation in its government, its institutions, and in its leaders. Much of the national campaign talk that is now being heard is plowing fertile ground for the seeds of suspicion and distrust. President Roosevelt, due to his great leadership of the past seven years, will very likely be returned to office. It is also more than a possibility that he will be leading the nation through its greatest fight for independence, during which all of the nation's resources will be called upon, including the morale of and patriotism of the people.

Not even a candidate has the right to destroy these necessary items of national defense.—Grants Pass Bulletin.

- Chester Squires of Lakeview spent the week-end here visiting his mother. Squires is principal of the North Lakeview grade school.
- Mr. and Mrs. George Martin are the parents of a son, born Monday at the Community hospital.
- Jack Petersen left Sunday for Corvallis where he will resume his studies at OSC.

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County Clerk

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