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JOHN DAY GIVES VISITORS TREAT

Local Folk Attend Fair With Band; Find Many Things of Interest.

FINE HORSES SHOWN

Spirit of Independence Exhibited by Neighboring Folk; Dredge Tears up Pretty Valleys.

Heppner folk in goodly numbers followed the band to John Day last week end and were privileged to see one of the best little fairs and rodeos held any place. The oldest fair in Oregon in years of continuous exhibition, the Grant County fair reflected the spirit of independence, pride and loyalty which exists among Grant county people.

They received at John Day a true neighborly welcome, reflected partly in the selection of Henry the Rake, judges, and of Eddie Sheridan, experienced Heppner showman, as one of the arena judges. Mr. Alken, Rodeo president, as one of the outstanding articles in the fancy work display was a full size quilt, made and quilted by Mrs. J. F. Barlow, which contains 12,204 diamond shaped pieces. Dinner was served cafeteria style in the school basement by the H. E. club and the Ladies Aid society. A dance in the grange hall Saturday evening with the Lundell orchestra playing closed the fair.

Heppner people attending the fair Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barlow and family, Mr. and Mrs. Perl Howell, Mrs. Harold Case and daughter, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers and Joseph Belanger.

Higher Farm Income Expected for 1935, OSC

Higher average prices and slightly better crop yields are expected to bring the farmers of Oregon 5 million dollars more cash income from the crop and animal production of 1935 than received from that of 1934, and possibly 10 million more says the September report on the agricultural situation just released by the O. S. C. agricultural extension service. It is also indicated that purchasing power of farm income per acre will be greater than any of the previous four years. Cash farm income from 1935 projection is placed at 85 million dollars—possibly 90 millions, depending on price trends during the balance of the marketing season. At the higher figure 1935 cash income would approach 75 per cent of the estimated annual average of 124 million from 1926 to 1930. The lower figure, 85 million, is approximately 70 per cent of the 1926-1930 average, but is greater than any year from 1931 to 1934, both in amount and purchasing power.

In the lists were Kenneth and Lloyd Depew, Ivan Applegate, John Watkins, Emery Moore, and round about were Ad Moore, Jack French, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard French, and mayhap numerous others whose frequent Heppner visits make them almost as much at home here as elsewhere. Kenneth Depew won third in the bucking, with Stub Bartleymay of Arlington first, and Duke Farrell (a performer at the last Heppner Rodeo), second.

The band was prominent at all times, playing on the street, in the parade and at the grounds, and never stinting. Billy Schwarz officiated as baton wielder for the marching, wearing the high feathered helmet of the drum major; and the entire group was stunningly arrayed in their blue and gold capes and caps with white trousers.

Exhibits at the fair reflected some of the reasons for Grant county independence, displaying a wide array of fruits from garden, orchard and field, handwork of the sewing room and kitchen, but most of all, an abundance of purebred livestock.

It was the livestock, too, that stood out in the parade and in the rodeo performances. Especially fine horses in evidence, and a lot of pride exhibited by the owners. Morrow county, once among the leading cattle domains of the West, has become more devoted to sheep and wheat in these later years. But Grant county is still preeminently a cattle country. Grant county boys and girls grow into the saddle. They ride as if they were a part of the horse, providing a show more picturesque than the professional bucking and roping to one less accustomed to life on the range. And as the cattle industry is impressed upon the mind of the spectator as being the backbone of the country, one becomes truly appreciative of the importance of the fine horseflesh which of necessity plays a vital role in that industry. And again one appreciates what those community leaders, the Oliver brothers, Frank and Herman, have in mind when they put up a \$50 purse for the best cowpony each year. It is a magnificient gesture toward maintaining the permanency of the cattle industry, and of fostering the love they hold for it.

No less than the cattle industry, has gold mining contributed to the colorful historic background of Grant county. 'Tis said that when a "native" goes broke in town, he hies himself back up Canyon creek with a little pack outfit and a pan and within a few days comes back

NORTH END FAIR IS SUCCESSFUL

Good Exhibits in All Classes; Monstrosities Hold Interest; Attendance Good.

A fine exhibit in all the divisions was shown at the North Morrow County fair held here in the gymnasium Friday and Saturday when a large crowd of local and out-of-town people attended. An unusually fine showing of poultry and stock was there. The monstrosities class in the fruit and vegetable divisions is always of interest to the public. The tallest stalk of broom corn measured 14 feet 5 inches and was grown by Harlan Jones. The tallest stalk of field corn measured over 16 feet. The largest water-melon weighed 49 pounds and was brought by Buster Rands. The best bunch of broom corn which took first prize was grown by J. A. Allen, with that of Zearl Gillespie taking second. A beautiful display of flowers, fruits, canned foods and fancy work was attractively arranged. One of the outstanding articles in the fancy work display was a full size quilt, made and quilted by Mrs. J. F. Barlow, which contains 12,204 diamond shaped pieces. Dinner was served cafeteria style in the school basement by the H. E. club and the Ladies Aid society. A dance in the grange hall Saturday evening with the Lundell orchestra playing closed the fair.

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Charles McElligott returned Sunday from Portland.

E. Patrick of Walla Walla, E. S. McKinney of Long Beach, Wash., and S. C. Kurdy of Portland were in town Sunday looking at real estate.

Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Crabtree held an auction sale of their farm machinery and household goods at their ranch. E. J. Keller cried the sale which was well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree left on Sunday morning for Salem where they will make their home in the future. They made the trip with their son-in-law, Roy Stender.

George "Shorty" Calkins, with his wife and family, of Brush, Col., stayed overnight here last Thursday on their way to the Willamette valley where they hoped to find work in the hop fields. Mr. Calkins, a brother-in-law of E. G. Frank, made his home here about fifteen years ago.

The Home Economics club of Willows grange was entertained by Mrs. John Eubanks and Mrs. Walter Eubanks at the latter's home last Friday afternoon. A social time was enjoyed, the meeting being chiefly intended as a farewell party for Mrs. J. E. Crabtree. Mrs. Crabtree was given a shower of handkerchiefs during the afternoon. Refreshments were served. Members present were Mesdames Vida Heliker, Hattie Crabtree, Roxy Krebs, Beulah Lundell, Mary Lundell, Elta Bristow, Stella O'Meara, Marie Ledbetter, Elsie Peterson, Anna Krebs, Mary Swanson, Veda Eubanks, Mildred Eubanks, and Misses Helen Lindsay and Dorothy May Brady. Mrs. Delta Mobley, Mrs. Sylvia Gorgor, Mrs. Harry Yarnell, Mrs. Otto Lindstrom, Mrs. James Ledbetter and Mrs. J. H. Bryson were invited guests. Mrs. Glenn Copp will be the hostess of the club in October.

On October 30 a council of state officers of the grange will be held at the Legion hall in Ione. State officers will preside at the all day meeting and the public is invited and urged to attend. The program will cover all lines of endeavor sponsored by the granges and each person who attends will be able to join a special group taking up the thing in which he or she is especially interested. Home economics, group entertainment, etc., will be presented. Further particulars will be announced later.

In respect to the purchasing power of Oregon farm income in relation to prewar "parity," in the report which was prepared by L. R. Breithaupt, extension economist, gives valuable new estimates of "net" income per acre after deducting taxes and interest payable in the different periods and years.

The old price ratio formula in the Agricultural Adjustment Act is shown to indicate that farm products in Oregon now have a purchasing power, or exchange value for the commodities usually purchased by farmers, of about 70 per cent of parity. The new formula in the 1935 amendments produces a ratio of about 68, owing to the inclusion of taxes and interest in the index of prices paid by farmers.

The net income per acre plan outlined in the circular produces an even lower index of farm purchasing power, as it is estimated that "net" cash income per acre in Oregon in 1935 will have but 56 per cent of the 1910-1914 purchasing power.

The reasons why the net income per acre method of calculating "parity" produces a figure for 1935 which is 12 or 14 points under the price ratio method are chiefly (1) farm taxes and interest in Oregon, despite some reductions, are still approximately twice as much per acre as during the "base period" and (2) crop yields in Oregon in 1935 are expected to fall about 10 per cent below average," says the circular, "although crop yields may be slightly better than in 1934."

The net income per acre formula of calculating parity purchasing power, outlined in the circular, indicates that, compared with 100 in the 1910-1914 base period and 56 for 1935, Oregon farm income in 1934 had a purchasing power of about 53, against 50 in 1933, 39 in 1932, 48 in 1931, and 77 as the 1926-1930 average.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sackett arrived this week from their home in Salem, Mrs. Sackett visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Notson, while Mr. Sackett is enjoying a deer hunting trip.

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By MRS. MARGARET BLAKE

Most of the men in our little city joined the caravan of deer hunters passing through town the latter part of the past week and spent Sunday in the mountains. So far as can be learned no hunter from here caught even a glimpse of a deer.

Henry Smouse departed Monday for Corvallis to take his son Kenneth down to register for the fall term at O. S. C. They were accompanied by Miss Clara Nelson who will be a junior at O. S. C. this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole E. Smith went to The Dalles last Saturday to spend a week or so visiting relatives.

Mrs. Mary Cunningham of Post Falls, Idaho, visited her sister, Mrs. Elmer Griffith, over the week end.

Mrs. George Allyn of Lexington is staying with Marianne and Walter Corley while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corley enjoy a hunt.

A man who officers believe they have identified as Paul Helfenbeck of West New York, N. J. was killed and badly mutilated on the main line of the Union Pacific west of Boardman near Castle Rock Saturday night when he fell from a moving freight train. The body was brought to Heppner Sunday by Sheriff C. J. D. Baumhart and District Attorney S. E. Notson, who were called to investigate, and after being prepared for burial at Phelps Funeral home is awaiting instructions from the family.

There were no clues on the body to indicate who the man might be, but a man riding on the front of the oil tank car with the supposed Helfenbeck said that the dead man had been drinking. The traveling companion also said that the supposed Helfenbeck had boarded the train at Reith. All indications were that he had stopped in Pendleton, which caused officers to make a search there.

The officers found that a strange man giving the name Paul Helfenbeck, West New York, N. J. had purchased a liquor permit there on the 21st, the day before his death.

They also found a coat matching the dead man's trousers in one of the barber shops, and in an inside pocket was found a letter to the Barnetts from their home in New Jersey.

The family was contacted by wire for description of Helfenbeck who was said to have had the end of a little finger nipped off by a machine and had lost all his teeth.

These identification marks checked with marks on the dead man. Helfenbeck's identity was established through the chief of police of West New York, and local officers are certain there can be no mistake.

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MAN KILLED NEAR CASTLE IDENTIFIED

By BEULAH B. NICHOLS

Saturday night is Booster Night at Lexington grange and Mrs. Laura Rice, lecturer, has prepared an excellent program for the occasion. The program starts at 8 o'clock and every grange member is expected to come and bring a friend whom they think might be interested in the grange. Mrs. Rice hopes to have the Heppner school band on hand for a couple of numbers. After the program the remainder of the evening will be spent with games and other forms of amusement.

A reception for the teachers in the local schools was held Friday evening in the high school gymnasium. The affair was planned by the Lexington Parent-Teacher association of which Mrs. Charles Marquardt is president.

Mrs. J. E. Gentry returned home last week from a month's visit with relatives and friends in Baker.

Lester White, Earl Warner, Orville Cutforth, Paul Smouse, Fred Nelson and a number of others from this community were off to the tall timber early Sunday morning with red hats and guns in quest of the ever elusive deer. Most of them have returned, but without any deer. Better luck next time!

The Lexington grange will sponsor a card party at the grange hall on Friday evening, October 4. Both bridge and 500 will be played. Admission will be 15¢ each of 25