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The New Farm Act

CONTROLLED production of farm products is admitted by congress to be a continuing need as it passed the new farm bill, Monday, in readiness for the president's signature. Much pressure forced the bill through final passage in the senate that alleged emergencies might be met.

Little quarrel will be found with the avowed purpose of the act—to obtain parity prices for agricultural products. Much quarrel is had with the means the act provides for attaining its end, and with the inequalities of those means.

Senator McNary waged a losing fight for the dairy and livestock interests when he attempted to write in a provision that acreage taken from agricultural production might not be turned to increasing livestock or dairy production. If the act is administered as passed nothing will prevent farmers pasturing livestock on ground taken from production of soil depleting crops and sown to soil building crops, while in order to qualify for benefit payments livestock men will be compelled to reduce flocks and herds to the actual number that their range rotation and other practices will handle. The apparent result will be that while dirt farmers are benefitting from increased prices through reduced supplies, livestock men will have to face equal if not greater supplies of their products.

Another feature of the bill, which according to Senator McNary gives legislative powers to the secretary of agriculture, is still unacceptable to national grange leaders and other farm representatives as well as to liberty loving Americans generally. "Regimentation" is the word used by grange leaders who fear that free action of American farmers is doomed under the act. Senator McNary says farmers will be "vassals of the secretary of agriculture."

Large industrial centers which have felt most heavily the effects of the recent recession fear the effects of controlled agricultural production no less than ever. This large consuming portion of America's population can foresee only higher cost of living as a result, and unless placation is given in the form of higher wages they will become less tractable than ever.

Morrow county, whose income from livestock about equals that from agriculture, has felt the "blessing" of government checks for reducing production, but it is not tenable that one class of our producers has any desire to prey upon the other.

If administration of the act justifies the fears of its critics, the act must undergo alteration before it is generally acceptable, and the rush of congress at this time in effecting its passage will have gained little. The demand of present emergencies may prove slight in comparison with the larger eventualities which the act may invoke. Much will depend upon the wisdom of the secretary of agriculture.

Two Senators

OREGON will elect two United States senators next November 8 as the result of a ruling of Attorney General Van Winkle. Van Winkle's ruling was that Evan Reames, appointed to succeed Senator Steiwer, could serve only until the ensuing general election.

That ruling will make a more fertile field for senatorial aspirants,

GLUTTON FALLS NAMED FOR ANIMAL; DISTRICT RICH IN HISTORIC LORE

By F. F. WEHMEYER

We hear a great deal about the beautiful waterfalls along the Columbia river gorge. They are truly wonderful, but we have falls of nearly equal beauty in our own locality. There are Buck falls with about seventy-foot drop and Glutton falls which are close to a hundred.

Glutton falls was not named for one who overindulges in the good things of the table, but after an animal—the wolverine, known as a carcajou by our Canadian cousins and as a skunk bear or glutton by American trappers. This fellow looks as though there might have been a scandal among his ancestors. He has the appearance of being part bear, wolf and skunk, and is as large as a small bear. In reality he is a gigantic weasel. He is probably the most hated and despised of all animals in the north lands for he is an inveterate thief, following trap lines to destroy and rob the bait. No cache is ever safe from this miscreant. When they rob a cache they are very clever in dividing up the loot and rehidng it. To insure its not being taken by some other animal they deposit a fetid body secretion that is indescribably revolting, so sickening in fact that it nauseates the hardy stomachs of confirmed carrion eaters. Though slow, they have the tenacity of a fisher, and it is almost certain death for the other animal if the wolverine takes his trail for they are large and strong and attack with a demon-like fury. They have been known to drive wolves away from their own kill. The fur is used extensively for the lining of parka hoods in the northlands, as ice or frost will not form on wolverine. At one time there must have been

wolverine in this country but he has followed the big horn sheep, Rocky mountain goat and the antelope into the land of never return.

When the Creator laid out the world, he undoubtedly started at Heppner and placed the pole and the equator at equal distances from that point. That was before the days of "trig" and other mathematical refinements so it is surprising how closely both the pole and equator were located. We are just 24 miles north of the half-way mark. That old shaft on Whiskey Keg may be where a peg was driven on some of the preliminary survey work, as it is within a half mile of the 45th parallel.

In addition to waterfalls there is much of interest in Hardman and vicinity. The country is rich in early Oregon history. Back in the good old days it was a town of several hundred population. In pioneer days, I understand, it was called Yellow Dog and everything was run wide open. They just casually shot a few men to start the cemetery and give the town a feeling of permanency. Like Heppner it was on the old freight route between the Columbia river and the John Day country. Top, the old Lovelett ranch, Morphine, Parkers Mill were all stage stations. Freight, passengers and mail all moved on wagons behind horse, mule or oxen. This generation, sailing over smooth highways on rubber-covered wheels can little realize what the early settlers had to overcome in the way of transportation. Roads were sidling trails built with the idea of least resistance, straight up or straight down and axle deep in either dust or mud.

many of whom have already been courting favor of the public eye, and it should give eastern Oregon more chance for favorable consideration of a capable son.

It was somewhat unfortunate for this section that Senator Steiwer saw fit to resign his high post just as he was fast coming into prominence as a possible leader of his party's ranks. As keynote speaker at the last republican convention Steiwer made a good impression, and the soundness of his stand officially in opposition to many New Deal policies gained him much respect and admiration in the heavily populated east.

It may be that Steiwer will be heard of more about 1940. But eastern Oregon should produce another man of high caliber to fill his boots in the senate.

KEN BINNS ONE AND SAME

That Ken Binns, writer of current syndicated articles on skiing, is the one and same Ken Binns who got his start in Heppner as surmised in a recent article in these columns is assured by none other than Ken's mother, Mrs. A. E. Binns. From her home at 21 S. E. 24th Ave., Portland, Mrs. Binns wrote this week: "I read with interest your comments on Ken Binns and skiing in the issue of January 27, and I assure you that person is the same Ken Binns who assisted you with the 'post mortems' in the biology class at old Heppner high. I remember, too, that the same Ken Binns accompanied you one Saturday on an exploring expedition to the vicinity of Sand Hollow, where you claimed you discovered a lake not marked on the geographies of Morrow county. As evidence you brought home a dilapidated oar for a boat which you believed had been used by the aborigines—the American Indians. Kenneth preserved the oar for a long time."

FIND NOT TRUE BILL

The federal grand jury in Portland last week end returned a "not true" bill in the case of Kenneth Oviatt for shortage in funds at the local postoffice just before the first of the year. Oviatt, then clerk, alleged a fake hold-up which brought the matter to attention of authorities, later admitting that he was responsible for the shortage and making it up. News of the grand jury action came almost coincident with the arrival of a new daughter as a Valentine to the Oviatt home.

Biggest Home Interest Conference Held, OSC

Attendance at the eighth annual Home Interests conference at Oregon State college reached a new high mark of 721 registered delegates. These were from 23 Oregon counties, with 16 persons attending from other states. More than 1500 persons attended the hobby show, which was one of the evening features of the conference.

The annual scholarship award of \$25 made to a deserving OSC upperclassman who plans to enter extension work in home economics, was given by the Home Economics Extension council to Miss Julia Bennett of Portland. Miss Bennett graduated from normal school and taught three years before entering Oregon State to take up work in home economics. Miss Bennett was reared on a farm and plans to enter rural extension service work.

Adults often forget that milk is just as much a food for them as for their growing children. Dr. Jesse Laird Brodie, women's physician at Reed college, told delegates to the Home Interests conference at OSC. She pointed out that some 80 percent of the women between the ages of 25 and 40 are anemic, due mostly to a lack of iron in their diet. Reducing diets should be carefully balanced, with special emphasis on the protective foods, the vitamins, minerals and proteins, she said.

Character is caught by children rather than being taught to them, said Dr. Bruce Baxter, president of Willamette university, in discussing "Religion in the Home" before the recent Home Interests conference at Oregon State college. Character comes far more definitely from contact with parents than from contact with teachers, he said. He urged that parents teach, by everyday example, honesty, respect for law, and respect for personality.

RENNE JULIAN HOWARD

Renne Julian Howard was born at Placerville, Cal., May 1, 1859, and passed away at Heppner, Oregon, Feb. 6, 1938. He was the youngest son born to Renne Julian Howard and Ruth (Young) Howard who crossed the plains in the early days and settled in the Sacramento valley. They later moved to Junction City, Oregon, and there he grew to manhood. When he was a young man he came to Heppner where he since resided. One of the first men he worked for was William Morrow,

serving as deputy county clerk. He married Emma French in October, 1892, and to this union were born ten children, four of whom are living. They are Mrs. Byron Summers of Wapato, Wash.; Mrs. Francis Griffin, The Dalles, Ore.; Marion Howard and Jack Howard, both of Portland, the latter being seriously ill. Mr. Howard was a member of Heppner Lodge 69, A. F. & A. M. for a good many years. He was of a kind and loving disposition.—Contributed.

Oregon Known Haven For Lowly Puff Balls

Oregon State College—The lowly puff ball, which when seen is frequently the object of a swift kick by some youngster, may add its bit to the fame of Oregon.

Hundreds of varieties of puff balls exist, many of them being underground forms seldom seen by the ordinary observer. Oregon, Washington and California, it appears, are the favorite haunts of these puff balls, known technically as gasteromycetes.

Dr. S. M. Zeller, plant pathologist at Oregon State college, has been commissioned by the New York botanical gardens to classify this group for inclusion in a forthcoming series of technical volumes on the flora of North America. Dr. Helen Gilkey, another member of the staff, is doing similar work with the group of underground tuberales in which the edible truffles are found.

A. H. Nelson was a business visitor yesterday from the farm north of Lexington.

David Hynd was in town Monday from Rose Lawn ranch, Sand Hollow.

Self Support is Rule Among OSC Students

Oregon State College—Eighty-six per cent of the 2794 men students and 45 per cent of the 1233 women students at Oregon State college are earning at least part of their own way, a recent report by the registrar shows.

Of the men, 978, or 35 per cent, and 150 of the women, or 12 per cent, are entirely self-supporting, either thru winter or summer work or both. Only 375 men and 673 women, constituting 26 per cent of the student body, received all of their college support from parents or other outside sources.

Among the schools, the forestry students show the greatest financial independence, earning 66.5 per cent of their total expenses. Students in agriculture are next, earning 61.8 per cent. Next in order are students in the schools of engineering, science and education, all earning more than half of their expenses. Even in the school of home economics, composed entirely of women, students earn 22.1 per cent of their own expenses.

DOING THINGS AT PACIFIC U.

Two Morrow county students, Miss Irene Beamer and Elwayne Lieualen are reported on the honor roll at Pacific university, Forest Grove, for the winter term. Both are sophomores. Lieualen was also elected president of his fraternity, Alpha Zeta. Another Heppner boy making good in athletics at Pacific is Len Gilman, guard on the freshman basketball squad.

Victor Rietmann was a business visitor here yesterday from the farm north of Ione.

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