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Humor to the Rescue

JUST before Monday's light showers that brought respite from telling effects of Old Sol's rays, the drouth situation was reaching a point far removed from funny. In fact, it had reached the stage where nothing but a typically American saving-grace could relax minds over-taut with worry. Much the same sense of humor that distinguished the American doughboy when going became toughest in the trenches undoubtedly inspired some of the stories that raced the rain to bring the needed respite.

Whether they were merely old gags polished up for the occasion, or whether some genius were newly inspired, we wot not. They brought a laugh.

There's the one about the heavy rain storm which struck John Day the day before. Had you heard about it? No? Well, two drops of rain fell. One couldn't be found. The other struck a shepherd on the head and knocked him out, requiring half an hour's resuscitation by throwing dust in his face.

Then there's the one supposed to have originated in Oklahoma. A travelling salesman asked a farmer if he didn't wish it would rain. To which the farmer replied that he didn't care for himself, but he had a son eighty years old whom he would like to have see it rain as the boy hadn't seen a rain and he didn't know whether the lad would be good for many more years.

With Honor

IT'S A GRAND thing to be rated tops in anything one attempts. But no finer words were ever spoken than, "He acquitted himself with honor," whether the battle were won or lost.

Heppner's bandsters did not attain highest rating for bands of their class in Portland last week end. They did obtain the next highest rating, that of "excellent," and so acquitted themselves commendably . . . there leaves a further objective for future effort, to attain the highest rating . . . but bringing greatest glory to the community they represent are such words, spontaneously written, as these:

"An interested spectator of the band contest held in Portland last Saturday wishes to take this means of emphasizing to the Morrow county enthusiastic friends that we had every reason possible to be proud of our group. They not only played well, but conducted themselves in a manner that was becoming to any aggregation of worthy young people. Their uniforms were attractive and their general appearance anywhere you met them was such as to reflect credit and pride to Morrow county.

"The hotel manager made the remark to interested friends that he never had a more orderly crowd of young people about his place. Loyalty on the part of the friends who heard them play was an evidence of our pride in them."

ATTEND BOURBON MEET

D. M. Ward, Hanson Hughes and Chas. B. Cox were in Pendleton yesterday to attend a regional Democratic meeting, the first of a series to be held over the state. Frank Kierney, state chairman, and Howard Latourette, national committee-man, were in attendance.

Baccalaureate Held For Senior Class

Churches of the city united Sunday evening at the gym-auditorium in baccalaureate services for Heppner high school's graduates when Rev. R. C. Young, Methodist minister, brought an inspiring spiritual message. The evening's program included:

Prelude, "Berceuse," Delbruck, and processional, "Pomp and Circumstance March," Adolph Schmidt, Dorothy Howell, pianist; vocal solo, "From the Land of the Sky Blue Waters," Charles W. Cadman, Helen Lundell; scripture reading, Rev. Martin B. Clark; sacred song, "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes," John H. Rogers, Virginia Dix, accompanist, Katherine Parker, Frank Alfred, Russell McNeill, Margaret McNeill; invocation, Rev. Martin B. Clark; sacred song, "Seek Ye the Lord," Dr. T. V. Roberts, Katherine Parker, Russell McNeill, Margaret McNeill, Charles Barlow; baccalaureate sermon, "The Value of a Wise Choice," Rev. R. C. Young; trio, "At Dawning," Charles W. Cadman, Carolyn Vaughn, Jeanette Blakely, Helen Lundell; benediction, Father Healy.

Livestock Market

Leases McNamer Site

Assuring Morrow county of regular bi-weekly livestock sales service, V. R. Runnion, auctioneer, this week announced leasing the C. W. McNamer corrals, a quarter mile east of the city limits, where sales will be conducted every other Thursday.

Runnion has set the next sale for Thursday next week when an especially fine bunch of white face cattle will be put on the block. These sales will go far toward providing a local market for all livestock, he says, in urging everyone who has anything to sell to list it before the sale.

VISITS WORLDS FAIR

J. Logie Richardson arrived home yesterday after a week's absence in which time he visited the Golden Gate International exposition at San Francisco. Leaving Heppner last Thursday, he spent Friday in Portland, left there Saturday by car and had two days and two nights at the Bay city. The fair lived up to all expectations and one of the outstanding features was the Oregon exhibit. It was attracting as many people as any part of the fair, he said. Especially interesting was a moving picture of the Oregon coast where the waves came up and appeared to be going to slap you right in the face. Those going to the fair should first take the "Elephant" train where for 35 cents one is taken for a tour of Treasure Island and is informed where everything is located. One can pick out the points of special interest and take them in without so much waste of time. Mr. Richardson interviewed officials of the proposed Kraft Cheese box factory at Bridal Veil on his way home yesterday morning and was informed that plans were coming along nicely though it was doubted if everything contemplated would clear through the Chicago office so work could be started in less than a month.

HEHISCH ISSUED

"Hehisch," Heppner high's annual yearbook, made its appearance Tuesday, culminating many months of hard work on the part of the staff headed by Miss Frances McCarty as editor and Bob Scrivner, business manager. Contents were mimeographed and actual photographs, covered by golden stock printed in purple. Amber division sheets with appropriate art introduced various sections. Liberal advertising support from local merchants was indicated in the advertising section. Pictures were by Miss Rose Leibbrand, students did production work with exception of cover printing and binding which was done by the Gazette Times. Well edited and neatly produced, the book is a credit to the school.

GLAD NEWS: "Three Smart Girls Grow Up" comes to the Star Theater, Wednesday-Thursday, May 24-25. When you've seen this picture you will know what it means to have been "entertained utterly."

New White Bliss Potato Tried at Harney Station

Bliss Triumph potatoes have long been a favorite early variety but in some places have been discriminated against because of their red color. The possibility now appears of having a white Bliss variety which is even better than the original.

At the Harney county branch experiment station in 1939 occurred one of those oddities of nature known as the appearance of a plant mutation or sport. When the Bliss potatoes were dug that year two medium sized tubers were found which were pure white on one side although a deep red on the opposite side. Two eyes were taken from the white side of each potato and were grown the following year. The vines made good growth and produced excellent yields of white tubers. The year following, which was 1936, 30 hills were grown from the original selection. Each hill was grown to maturity and dug separately with the yield recorded. In 1937 only tubers from the highest yielding hills were planted.

Obil Shattuck, superintendent of the Harney branch station, and his assistant, Roy Hutchinson, who handled this experiment, have just reported that during the four years these white Bliss have been grown they yielded practically all white potatoes although with pink eyes. Occasionally there are a few tubers with some reddish coloration although the white color seems to be rather well fixed.

In 1938 the plot increased from one of the tubers yielded at the rate at 248 bushels per acre, while the selection from the other made a yield of about 400 bushels per acre. The plants grown from these potatoes appear to be rather disease-resistant and are otherwise just as desirable as the original Bliss Triumph.

Plans are for them to be increased further until it can be determined definitely whether this will prove to be an improved variety compared with the old and respected Bliss Triumph.

CO-OP TO HANDLE FEEDS

Lexington Oil Co-Op will handle a stock of Hermiston feeds, it was voted at a meeting in Lexington Tuesday evening. Mrs. Grace M. Turner, manager, in the city yesterday, believed it would be two weeks before the stock would arrive. She announced a big picnic, sponsored by the co-op, to be held at the Harry French ranch south of Hardman on Sunday, May 27, to which an invitation is extended to all co-op members, grangers and farmers of the county generally.

Have some fun roller skating, Ione Legion hall, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. 1tp

● Ten Years Ago

(Gazette Times, May 23, 1929)

J. W. Morrow, son of county's name-giver, passes in Portland; burial here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Gilliam, a 10½ pound son.

Burt Brown Barker to address 17 high school graduates tomorrow.

John McCullough passes at home in Portland, was long resident here.

Mr. and Mrs. Vere Hale parents of twin girls, 6½ pounds each, born yesterday.

Dennis McNamee opens new pasture.

Heppner beats Fossil, 3-2, in fast Wheatland league game.

Sunshine and Sunburst, two B. F. Swaggart horses, place first at New Haven, Conn., horse show.

Between 60 and 70 delegates in attendance at Church of Christ convention for eastern Oregon now in progress here.

John Wightman is attending I. O. O. F. grand lodge at Medford.

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LIVESTOCK SALE

C. W. McNamer Corrals

THURS., May 25

1:30 P. M.

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Auctioneer

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Sun., May 28

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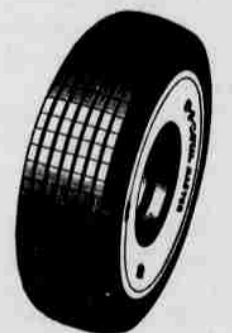


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