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There Must Be Some Reason

While running through last week's exchange papers the other day we ran across a short editorial item in Dale Amerman's Pilot Rock News that expressed our feelings to a tee, and we know there must be plenty of other people who think the same.

Here's what Dale had to say about the coming political campaign:

"In Oregon scads of dough will be raised and spent in the Neuberger-Cordon contest for the U. S. Senate seat. Also in the Ullman-Coon race for U. S. congressman, there will be fireworks and money thrown to the four winds. These two contests will be featured on the political scene for the next few months. On the county level a few positions are lucrative enough that a splurge will be made for victory, also. It's going to cost a lot more

to get some of the candidates elected than they will get in salary through their terms. We don't get it. There must be some angles to this politicking that we don't quite understand."

While on the subject of politics, it looks to us as if maybe the American system has got itself turned around someplace back in our history. It used to be that people would flock for miles to hear a good hot political speech and then would flock to the polls, regardless of the distance or inconvenience to express their opinion. Nowadays, it's quite different. The politician has to beat his brain out (and his pocketbook too as Dale notes) to get even a few voters to listen to him or read his message, then come election time, the voters go in flocks to a show or some other place of amusement and let a mere handful of people settle the questions. It doesn't make much sense, but that's the way it works just the same.

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

The Grant County Stock Growers Association are to be complimented on their publication of a neat, handy booklet, giving listing of cattle for sale in Grant county. This service has been carried on for the livestockmen by that association for several years in the county. A hundred and twenty-two ranchers have cattle listed for sale in the booklet. The booklet contains advertising of many of the breeders and business places in the county. Morrow county livestockmen would do well to follow this practice as the means of getting the most per head for the livestock they have for sale.

Eight of the nine wheat fertilizer experiment plots put out in Morrow county have been harvested. Harvesting is being done with the 44 inch self-propelled combine which was developed this past winter for plot harvest work. Two of these harvesters are operating in the Columbia Basin where 52 such plots have been established this year. Grain when harvested is taken to the Pendleton Branch experiment station where it is cleaned and the yields calculated. While eight of these plots have been harvested, returns giving yields have been received from two. These are the H. G. Campbell plot and the Nelson brothers plot. Some interesting comparisons were made at the Glen Campbell ranch where fertilizer was applied on late August seeding of winter wheat. A difference of 9.8 bushels per acre

was received in the plot where no fertilizer was applied compared to a plot after cost of nitrogen was deducted came to \$13.92 per acre over the check plot. While highest yield was obtained from spring application of 80 pounds nitrogen, this application was not economical from the standpoint when compared with 40 pounds of nitrogen. Phosphorus and sulphur applied to the plots showed no significant at this experiment. At the Nelson Brothers farm on Baseline, application of fertilizer did not pay with only a four bushel increase in the high yielding plot compared to the check plot where nitrogen was applied. Net profit run less than \$1.00 per acre between check and high yield. Here again application of phosphorus and sulphur did not appear to be of benefit. Plots have also been harvested at the Ralph Crum, Lloyd Howton, Raymond Lundell, ranches of Ione; the Frank Anderson, Frank Parker and Dee Cox ranches of Heppner. A plot near Hardman on the Kenneth Batty ranch is yet to be harvested.

To our knowledge, Newt O'Harra of Lexington is the first person to utilize his barley-wheat mixture, grown on diverted acres for livestock feed to be fed at home. Newt delivered all of his mixture of about 50-50 wheat and barley production to the Pendleton Grain Growers mill at Hermiston where this was made into cube form for feeding livestock in the months to come. A twenty percent

protein cube was made adding a twelve and a half percent protein supplement plus 150 pounds of molasses, to complete the cube. Mr. O'Harra will have about 50 tons of this feed and plans to begin feeding at once to steers on irrigated pasture, later to dry feed the steers for about 60 days before marketing them. The cubes will be used during the winter on other livestock to be marketed. It appears that utilizing feed grains of which there is a great amount of here this year might be smart, especially in line with the wheat program for 1955, where diverted acres can not be seeded to feed grains. They will no doubt be scarce next year.

For those who might not wish to utilize their feed grains for livestock on their ranches, there are livestockmen looking for feed of all kinds. Most of the demand comes for feed grain that is not eligible for loan thereby may be purchased at distress prices. Several western Oregon feeders have written this office for source of such grain. If anyone might have some to dispose of, I would be glad to refer them to these feeders.

Light weight wheat will be supported under the 1955 program. For the first time, wheat down to a test weight of 40 pounds per bushel is eligible for support. The old minimum was 50 or 51 pounds depending on the class. Light weight wheat will be discounted 4c for each pound under the old minimum.

TO THE EDITOR...

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Our valley contemporary, The Oregonian, has been carrying an intriguing series of accounts these last few days.

First there was the almost hysterical account of the discovery of "Noah's Ark", with statements that this confounded scientists for all time. The second, an editorial on the same theme, was more conservative but still mentioned scientists as being in opposition, etc. The third account was from the explorer himself. "No, sorry," he said, "I was misquoted by Turkish newspapers—saw a formation of ice and snow which COULD be the logical outline of a sailing vessel" ... "from a distance."

What a difference! However, here is my complaint. Scientists take the brunt of the criticism of fundamentalists, but can not be "confounded" by anyone, for a scientist must change his opinion to fit any proven fact, but will always test and prove the fact before accepting it. Whereas, a fundamentalist will accept any statement as fact if it fits his opinion, as this shows, and will reject anything that does not fit his opinion. A scientist cannot be "confounded" by heresy.

R. E. Smith

From Files of the Gazette Times, August 7, 1924

The summer vacation season for the boys and girls will soon be at an end, and then it will be back to the work in the school room, for everything will be in readiness for the opening of Heppner's schools on Monday, September 8.

Cecil Lieuallen, state highway traffic officer covering Eastern Oregon territory by motorcycle, is enjoying a two weeks vacation and was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lieuallen in Heppner over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Gemmill and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gemmill visited the Chester Gemmill family at Helix Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Wood of Berkeley, Calif., arrived in Heppner Tuesday to make an extended visit at the home of her nephew R. W. Turner and her niece Mrs. W. G. McCarty.

Hotel Heppner is serving a Merchant's Lunch from 12 to 2 for 50c.

Cecil is the most sandy place in Oregon. No need to go to Portland to see Sandy Boulevard. Come to Cecil and join the "broom and harrow brigade" and be convinced that real sand storms are hitting our town.

Frank Connor, who has been assisting the Krebs Bros. in Cecil during the busy season, left on Sunday for a short vacation. His bright smile is still haunting the young ladies.

This week will see all of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo premium lists in the mail for past exhibitors and those on our mailing lists. We hope that when our people receive them, they will page through them and plan to make exhibits in many of the classes. A good fair with lots of competition makes for better agriculture in the county. We hope that everyone will help in this manner of strengthening the agriculture and the quality of products grown and raised.

We especially urge wheat and hay men to get their samples now for exhibit. With the excellent wheat and barley crops, some very fine samples could be collected from the combine these days. It only takes two pecks for an exhibit, however, you had better bring along a little extra as superintendent Kenneth Smouse does a good job of cleaning up these samples for exhibit. Generally some cleans out. Some of the plumb barley weighing 48 and 49 pounds per bushel would make an excellent exhibit. You do not find much like the barley we are producing here this year. Haymen too should select a couple of bales of hay, one to be judged for quality, the other for conformation of bale. There are classes for both in grain, grass and legumes.

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Oh yes, we almost forgot to have you select your grain in shear exhibit. A sheaf, two inches in diameter, is all that is required for an exhibit. With wheat being our main source of agricultural income it would seem that we would have several dozen exhibits this year, instead of the 6 or 8 as in the past.

It becomes increasingly important for ranchers to produce high quality cattle for breeding and gaining ability when cattle prices are low. When cattle are plentiful and prices are low, buyers become more selective and lower quality animals are discounted severely. A good example of this was experienced at the Malheur Experiment Station last fall when choice steers were purchased at \$18.00 a hundred and inferior grades for around \$7.00.

While last week was observed as National Farm Safety Week, it is only good sense to observe farm safety the year-round. Every week should be farm safety week. So many times when we are out in the country visiting farms, we notice that shields for safety purposes have been discarded from machinery, some of them not even being installed on the new piece of machinery on which they came. The best shield that can be made is no protection if it is not used. Because of tragedies that have caused the loss of life in many cases, many manufacturers are now equipping power driven implements with non-removable power take-off shields. This helps protect operators against their own carelessness. For most equipment, however, we must still depend on removable shield protection. The National

Safety Council records reveal horrible tragedies from unguarded couplings. An operator can be mangled instantly. If you have a shield laying around the implement shed or in a fence corner, better put it where it was intended.

For those farmers who had rye problems during the past few years, this item might not be very well received. However, as well as rye does in some of our fields it may be that farmers would consider growing it in the place of other crops. If so you would be interested in a new variety of Rye, called Tetra Petkus. It was developed in Germany. This variety has the ability to substantially out produce ordinary rye strains. Fields vary from 30 to over 60 bushels an acre. Kernels are over twice the size of ordinary rye. While T P grows from shorter, stiffer straw the leaves are broader, the heads are longer and the deep spreading root system combined with early and extensive stooling helps to control weed growth, erosion and damage from adverse weather conditions. Millers report that this variety averages about 6% greater flour extraction, from the distillers the reports indicate, a 5% higher alcohol extraction. An independent cereal research institution stated that a loaf of bread made from Tetra Petkus flour is almost 16% larger than that made of ordinary rye flour. Maybe this is the answer to your rye infestations.

Those ranchers who have been asked to be put on the mailing list for the Oregon Agricultural Progress periodically put out by the Oregon State College experiment station will be inter-

ested in the article concerning the Columbia Basin entitled "Stubble Mulch Halts Erosion". This is in the summer 1954 issue, which came out recently. A lot of good information is contained in this article along with pictures that substantiate the report. Summing it up, research at the Sherman and Pendleton Branch Experiment stations have shown that stubble mulching wheat straw will stop wind and water erosion in the Columbia Basin. Special equipment is needed to handle heavy stubble and nitrogen applications are necessary to boost yields to a profitable level. These operations can be seen any (Continued on Page Four)

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