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It Could Have Been Worse

We'll go along with John Moreau's editorial in last week's Blue Mountain Eagle. It really could have been worse.

And we're referring to the reapportionment. In spite of the fact that Morrow County gets somewhat watered down and thinned out with addition of some chunks of Willamette Valley counties, we didn't turn out too badly.

This writer is old fashioned enough to believe the Supreme Court could have stood by the old Federal system type of thing when each county would have a senator and let the population system have sway for the House. As it is, we'll probably manage even though our new westside constituents haven't a nickel's worth in common with us, save being in the same state.

Mr. Moreau puts in words what quite a few of us have thought, too, with this: One will look in vain for any correlation between Myers' reapportionment plan and Governor Tom McCall's administrative districts. A McCall promise of several years ago that there would be an attempt to make them correspond to a degree obviously means nothing.

Reapportionment means a lot to sitting legislators, to those who hope to serve in this capacity, and to a few who work with and watch legislative deliberations. "One-man, one-vote," however, has done virtually nothing to increase the average citizen's understanding of his government. A very high number of the American people still do not know who represents them at any level of government.

Mr. Moreau concludes with this: The way events are going legislatures are of limited value anyway and one of these days they will become passe. Government will be instant plebiscite, with citizens filling out IBM punch cards and returning them with their tax remittances — or welfare applications.

OTHER EDITORS

Why is it? A man wakes up in the morning after sleeping on an advertised blanket, in advertised pajamas. He will bathe in an advertised tub, wash with advertised soap, shave with an advertised razor, drink advertised coffee after his advertised juice, cereal and toast (toasted in his advertised toaster), to work in an advertised car, sit at an advertised desk, smoke advertised cigarettes and write with an advertised pen. Yet this man hesitates to advertise, saying that advertising does not pay. Finally, when his unadvertised business goes under he will then advertise it for sale.
—Starbuck, Minn., Times.

Apparently the delegates to the United Nations, or the governments they represent, are still very dollar conscious and are willing to endure most anything for the assurance that Uncle Sap will keep on pouring money into that debating society. When a recent vote was taken to decide whether or not to move the U. N. headquarters from New York City to some other location—most likely another country—the vote was two to one in favor of leaving it where it is. This in spite of the fact that nearly all the delegates confessed that New York City is congested, dirty, dangerous and very nearly intolerable. They know that if the headquarters is moved to another country, the U. S. will probably lose interest in the United Nations and cut its support. Well, it seems to us that more than a few Americans have already lost interest and confidence in the U. N. and would just as soon see it moved to Siberia.

"I know of no pursuit in which more real and important services can be rendered to any country than by improving its agriculture, its breed of useful animals and other branches of a farmer's craft." George Washington—Southern Umatilla Soil & Water Conservation District Newsletter.

SUCKERS

P. T. Barnum said there was one born every minute. He was wrong. A sucker is born every second or less in the United States.

But we now call them "taxpayers."

The "taxpayers" are now going to invest \$300,000 to begin pre-construction studies for a dam on Willow Creek near Heppner. Please notice that the sum named is for beginning studies. Not to complete studies or build the dam, buy land, rebuild roads, etc. unending.

Why a dam in the first place?

Because "taxpayers" bought land, built businesses and homes in a location that floods on occasion. And they knew that it flooded when they bought the land, built the businesses and homes.

And now they want all the "taxpayers" in the nation to protect them from something that they knew about from the start.

We have no figures available on the dollar value of the area of Heppner that is subject to flooding. But will make a surmise that the dollar value of the land and improvements of the area that floods will not equal the final cost of the Willow Creek dam, and the also necessary dam on work in Shobe Canyon, to protect the area.

Why not use the "taxpayer" money to buy the affected area and give it back to the ecology.
—PENDLETON RECORD

Home from Rhode Island

Karen Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cox, flew home Aug. 4 from Rhode Island. Karen is a 1971 graduate of Heppner High School. Shortly after graduation Karen decided to travel. On June 3 she flew to Chicago then Boston where her brother Nalbro met her. From Boston they drove to Quonset Point, Rhode Island where Nalbro and his wife Cindy, 2 daughters, DeDe and Tracey, are living in Naval housing there. Nalbro is presently stationed on the USS Saratoga in the Mediterranean until October.

To Karen, the biggest difference seemed to be in the peo-

ple; weather; the fact that there were no mountains and that she was only five miles from the Atlantic coast.

She also stayed in Maine for a week with Cindy's family.

To Karen, one of the best parts of the trip was flying over the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty. On the flight home her trip brought her back to Chicago and Portland and then home.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Dot and Charlie:

The American Humane Association Rocky Mountain Conference that I attended in Boise, Idaho, July 23 and 24 — was most informative.

One of the main subjects on Friday was a "Look At Trust and Endowment Funds" and on Saturday "About Fund Raising and Publicity."

Since all Humane Organizations have been protesting the cruel Seal slaughter in the Pribilof Islands, I was a little surprised of AHA's attitude, that they come out to announce to the world "Their study proves the present method of slaughter of seals is the most Humane after all."

Early in 1959, the Rodeo Cowboys Assn., called on AHA to strengthen and codify the rules for protection of livestock. The American Association responded with a set of "16" rules for the protection of rodeo animals. Some are rather questionable as to who they protect—for example, NRA rule book, page 28 "No Penalty for Breaking A Horn".

The lack of Humane Education is the principal cause of crime and violence, but we have much to be thankful for because many of our honest sincere Legislators are working all of the time to improve conditions. Rep. Harold Zimmerman of Washington worked hard this year to get a bill to abolish such sadistic, gory, pleasure haunts as Safari Island just off Puget Sound.

The good news is just out that the Island has been sold. Let's hope for a more Humane project.

Washington can be very proud of Senator Henry Jackson for his part in sponsoring Bill S 1116 to require the protection, management and control of wild free-roaming horses and burros on public lands. (After all, the public lands and the wild life on them belong to the people). This bill was passed unanimously on June 29 by the Senate. Sen. with ruptured eyes, buck-shot, Jackson sent me photos of horseshoed backs, buck shot traced a path across one's face, many pictures of other injuries caused by rough necks who rounded them up by airplanes and otherwise.

Another active Humane Legislator is Rep. William F. Ryan, of New York who introduced Bill, H. B. 9027 that would make it illegal to ship horses and cattle used in the events in interstate commerce. "Cruelty cannot be condoned," Ryan said. "It is particularly unconscionable when it is inflicted upon animals solely for the purpose of entertainment."

For a State Senator to argue as he did, I'm speaking of Sen. Clem McFaddin, in Rodeo News April 1, 1971, that "A flank strap is comparable to a man's belt," is an insult to any one's intelligence. I am sure we all have our first time to see a man wearing a tight automatic cinch belt over the organs that the flank strap is placed over in the bucking stock.

Even though it was not planned on, AHA forum for me to show Mr. Harry Dearing's cruel steer-busting films, there were so many requests for them by the members, that they decided to allow me to have time on the second day. No one could deny that the act is brutal, useless, proves nothing and should be outlawed. The members conducting the meeting promised to do all in their power to help me outlaw that cowboy act. At this meeting they informed me, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming are the only states to present that event.

If you have the compassion to speak up for the helpless, defenseless, speechless, abused small imported Mexican steers, protest to: Mr. Rutherford T. Phipps, Executive Secretary of AHA, Post Office Box 1286, Denver, Colo. 80201.

Sincerely yours,
for a better world
Lois Winchester

Dear Mrs. Marlatt:

I just this morning unpacked the things you sent by way of Mrs. Winchester. Although they didn't get to the Navajo as intended, the things will be appreciated by the Yakima Indians here.

Thank you very much.
Dorothy Nichols
McKinley Indian Mission
Toppenish, Wn.

To the Heppner Gazette-Times:
I just received my copy of Gles French's History of Morrow County.

It is a beautiful little book and a much needed history of Oregon's second wealthiest county, per person.

I was raised in Lexington and love the old town and every one in it altho my age prevents me from having a car so can't visit anymore.

On page 12 French mentions "At the mouth of Clark's Canyon there is a geographical pe-

culiarly". Where Clark's Canyon joins Willow Creek there is a round, rocky knoll about 100 feet high standing out alone in the landscape. It was formed when water was the main architect cutting canyons to the ocean. It cut Clark's Canyon into Willow Creek, first on one side of the dividing point then on the other. Then while the water was still deep it lingered long enough to round up the knoll and make the gaps wide. And the ditch on the south side a little deeper than on the north.

Andrew Raney lived by the side of the knoll in a fine grove of Cottonwood trees and farmed the Willow Creek bottom land.

French mentions that the old knoll is the locale of an old Indian Burial ground and says something about Mayans. I am sure the Mayans were never this far north. For some years ago a Johnnie Come Lately drove up here from California and went up the Columbia River Highway and saw the photographs, photographed them and sold a story to the Oregonian, translating the old Mayan message and describing some of the Mayan beliefs and what they said in their message. I immediately clipped the article and sent it air mail to the University of Mexico. In a few days I got back a letter saying "Story is imagination. Picture shows nothing of Mayan language. We are sure they never got that far north." And that is the very best authority on the Mayan people.

The knoll is just a mile and a half down Willow Creek from Lexington and I played and shot at ground squirrels with a bow and arrow 80 years ago with the Rainey kids—Lee, Hattie, Nellie, Della and half a dozen smaller ones whom I suppose are almost grown men and women by now. There was a tradition of a few Indian graves on the knoll but no real evidence that I could ever see. There was a story of an old Indian woman being buried up there but no grave could be found. She was a gentle, kindly, self sacrificing soul and would not accept much food or blankets from any one by saying "Nothing at all, thank you". After she died this was shortened to just three words vis. "Nothing at all".

When we asked her if she needed anything it was always the same stereotyped words, "Nothing at all".

What bothers me is that a great writer like Gles French would overlook old Granny so completely while mentioning the knoll. I am dead sure the reply would have been "Nothing at all", had he asked her if she needed anything.

By the way, there is a larger knoll standing alone in Hood River Valley.

John R. Leach
P.S.—I will be 90 my next birthday. And I can say that I have not a single enemy on Earth, the b...s are all dead, I've outlived 'em.
Now please do not accuse me of using an improper word. It appears in the Bible at least 15 times. You can borrow one from most any neighbor and look them up.

I have intended to subscribe for your paper for some time so please send it and send a bill, I promise to pay.

Pioneer Ponderings



By W. S. CAVERHILL

Phoney Remedies

The medicine men who are prescribing for our economic and social ills seem to be following the pattern set by an old country doctor who confronted with a patient whose ailment he could not diagnose gave him pills to produce fits. He said: "I know how to cure fits."
This method is comparable to our attempt to meet a sorry situation by first making it worse.

NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Thurs. 12—Unemployment Compensation
Thurs. 12—Senior Citizens
Fri. 13—Social Security
Tues. 17—TOPS
Wed. 18—Eunice Ford D.V.R. 10:00 a.m.
Thurs. 19—Senior Citizens 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Thurs. 19—CAP Board meeting in Pendleton



Cover picture on the current N. W. Ruralite is of Harold Wright with a buffalo and the Country Store in the background.

Harold tells of a plan to cross Brown Swiss cattle with buffalo, something that has not been done before. He says it's just an experiment but could mean producing an animal of nine months with about 150 to 200 pounds more weight. Mr. Wright says all ranches are not ideal for raising buffalo but his place seems to be "perfect, roomy, hilly buffalo country." The buffalo are attracting more and more photographers and tourists to Ruggs.

We had a report that there was something fishy about Dave McLeod. And no wonder. He's just back from a vacation trip to the coast, bringing home some big salmon.

Really big things going on up at Boardman at the Boeing tract. Some of us were a bit taken aback when we learned the dumping site for Portland garbage and sewage. However, it's not as rank as it sounds and just might be a surprisingly fine thing.

Glass bottles, cans and other solid waste will be shredded in Portland, hauled on barges 168 miles to Boardman and taken to the Boeing tract and spread on the ground about 4 inches deep. Sewage that has been treated and is in solid, dry form will also be barged to Boardman and taken out and spread a quarter of an inch deep on the Boeing tract. Then it is almost immediately disced into the ground. Plan then is to wait about a year or so, plant the area to alfalfa or grasses. They believe this may be repeated perhaps every five years.

We've discussed this matter with Denver Grigsby, Elton

Weeks and Tuesday with Jack McFadden. The Boeing Company expects to start the recycling about Sept. 1. This is going to be in an experimental way and will include use of a solid-set irrigating system. They have laid out some 24 test plots on 6 acres of land. Columbia Processors of Portland is sure this will be the right solution and feels it can be done for \$10 a ton which is less than costs for burning wastes.

We are told there will be no odor whatsoever. A new Oregon law prohibits sanitary landfills after 1975.

Tests that will be underway in a few weeks will tell them just how much shredded waste should be put on the soil. The firm is cooperating with Oregon State University and the Extension Service in the study and results will be most interesting as this will no doubt be a "first" not only in Oregon but in this country.

The results will be closely watched as a health food firm has been eyeing this tract for organically grown foods if they follow through with their projected plans, it could mean a big cannery and processing plant which would mean substantial growth in the Boardman area.

"To tell the truth," confessed the perspiring speaker, "this is only the second time I ever attempted to do any public speaking. The first time was out in Iowa when I proposed to my wife over a rural party line."

The fellow who sits under a tree while his wife mows the lawn could be called a shady character.

At Ione's Library

Mrs. Van Hubbard, secretary of the Ione Library board, brought in this week a list of seven new books at the library: Mandala, Pearl Buck; Carly Girl by Georgette Heyer; At Play in the Fields of the Lord by Peter Mathessen; Beyond Belief by Emyln Williams; They Were Good Men and Salty Curses by Bill Huntington; A Last Night Burning by Gwen Griffin and Acres High by Bill Hughton.

Salem Scene

By Jack Zimmerman

Myers Reapportionment Plan Said Likely to Prevail

Oregon has been reapportioned.

Republicans appear to favor the job done by Sec. of State Clay Myers. Democrats, generally don't.

Pundits believe it paves the way for GOP control of the state Senate. The same sages believe it may enable Democrats to gain an upper hand in the House.

Myers inherited the job when members of the 56th Legislature couldn't agree on an acceptable plan. One Portland newspaper said the result was "a mess." But, all things considered, it's a pretty good piece of work.

Federal law calls for reapportionment of states following each decennial census to keep representation of Congress and the State Legislature equitable as far as population is concerned. Carving up a state to make certain each Congressman and State Legislator represents a fairly equal number of constituents shouldn't be much of a chore. But there are problems.

One is called gerrymandering—the tampering of voting districts to nullify equal representation of minority groups with in-power majorities. Observers concur the Myers plan avoids gerrymandering.

Another problem is current Supreme Court attitude—in the present case the one-man, one-vote mandate. This idea is meant to "liberalize" representation, eliminate any tendency of a majority group to control a block of at-large seats and bring voters closer to their individual elected lawmakers.

Another Supreme Court attitude involves the equal voting districts—avoiding the tendency of a few lawmakers to gain disproportionate power because of an excessively large constituency.

The present Myers plan goes to great lengths to satisfy both of these concepts and, in fact, the Secretary of State let the federally favored population equality provision guide him through the reapportionment maze that proved fatal to Legislators.

But there's another big problem and that's the fact the State Constitution disagrees with current Supreme Court attitude. Oregon's Constitution specifically prohibits crossing county lines to achieve proportionate representation. Recent Supreme Court decisions tend to eliminate the sanctity of county lines. Therein lies the biggest like-

hood the Myers plan will be challenged. And if the challenge comes it probably will be from Democrats. The Senate Caucus of that party now has the matter under consideration.

Almost any individual can challenge the plan, however, and someone doubtless will before the Sept. 1 deadline.

Altogether 12 counties find themselves "carved up" to satisfy population requirements. They are Washington, Clackamas, Marion, Linn, Yamhill, Polk, Benton, Lane, Douglas, Josephine, Klamath and Jackson. Due to population shifts there will be a larger imbalance between Eastern and Western Oregon representation. But everyone expected that.

Simply stated, the Myers plan provides voters will ballot for only one State Senator and Representative. The single-member district proposition rules in rural areas and is maintained in urban areas by use of multi-member districts with single-member subdistricts.

This means the bigger counties are divided into districts from which come a number of Senators and Representatives. Legislative candidates must reside within the district. To comply with the one-man, one-vote mandate, the districts are divided into subdistricts from whence only one Senator and one Representative can emerge following election. Candidates don't have to live within the subdistrict they choose to represent. But they must pick only one subdistrict in which to run.

Most Salem-watchers believe the Myers plan—although contested, will prevail. And a lot of them believe 72 elections will send a lot of new faces to Salem for the 57th session in '73.

In a few cases veteran incumbents will be pitted against each other at the polls next year if both choose to run. Carry-over Senators won't have to struggle with the problem until elections in '74. Some new areas have been created which do not now have representation. And it's likely some incumbents will move to new neighborhoods by the Nov. 3 deadline this year to facilitate re-election.

County party organizations will have to innovate where county lines have been crossed. But that problem won't have much bearing on whether or not the Myers plan prevails.

After all, the Legislature has been a two-party organization since 1939. And you have to go back to the turn of the century to find as many as 10 parties all squabbling over party parity regarding reapportionment.

Remember This? Reminisce!

August 14, 1941
Gene Normoyle Injured
Rodeo's songbird, Gene Normoyle, may hardly be recognized by the many friends he greets at this year's exhibition. Gene is nursing a badly scratched face, the result of taking "French" leave from a moving truck while coming down Gooseberry grade into Ione last Friday. The truck, driven by Rodeo President Lee Beckner, was loaded with mustard harvested on the Beckner farm. The truck slipped off the grade and it looked like a crack-up to Gene, who jumped and was thrown on his face. He was brought to Heppner for treatment, and in spite of his injuries, is still able to please with his fine tenor voice.

Cowboy Chuckwagon
Rodeo's chuck wagon will be stationed at Wilkinson's grove three miles up Willow Creek from 6 to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning where Jim Elster's, Earle Bryant's and Buzz Fisk's cowboys will toss flapjacks for all comers to start the Rodeo ball to rolling. Sixty cents will entitle anyone to all the baby beefsteaks, flapjacks and fried spuds he can eat, or all the coffee he (meaning both masculine and feminine gender) can drink.

26 Inch Rainfall at Ione Delays Harvest
A light rain which fell most of the day Monday delayed harvest the first of the week. The weather observer at Morgan measured 26 inch in the most unusual August rain.

Heppner Rodeo, 20 years
Heppner Rodeo's twentieth anniversary is marked by a good year, economically, though the shadow of war clouds cast an eerie shadow. Still it is with a spirit of western independence that this year's show is welcomed—the spirit of the pioneer will conquer problems of the morrow as it did the obstacles of the early days.

Mayor Sees McNary Off
Mayor J. O. Turner was among those present at the Pendleton airport Saturday evening to greet Senator Charles L. McNary who was on a return flight to the national capital after a respite at his Fir Cone farm near Salem.

Call Sounded for 12,000 New Workers
Order for placement of 12,000 workers in shipyards was received this week by the Oregon Employment service, announced Don Robbins, manager of the Pendleton office while in the city Tuesday. To fill this call new trainees are badly needed, and Morrow county men interested may take advantage of the free vocational school at Pendleton, Robbins said.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Izby went over to Pendleton Monday on business.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

AUG. 11
Ione Garden Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. W.H.I. Padberg of Lexington.

AUG. 14
Coronation of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court.
Festivities begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Grandstands of the Fairgrounds.

AUG. 15
4-H Horse Show—10 a.m., all day.

AUG. 21
Don't miss the East-West Shriners Football game in Pendleton at 8:15 p.m.

AUG. 23-27
Morrow County Fair Week

AUG. 28-29
Morrow County Rodeo.

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