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### THE FIELD DAY

Perhaps the most valuable thing about the annual field day at the experiment farm is the opportunity it gives the people of the project to get away from their routine work and mix up with each other. The community has many problems in common which can best be settled by the united efforts of all and the field day brings us all together for a discussion of these problems.

The biggest problem before us now was the one most emphasized by all speakers, dairying. Sometimes the views of the expert are wrong, but when the experts agree among themselves and when their views square with our own experiences, they are apt to be right. It was the view of every speaker that we quit depending upon the sale of alfalfa hay and begin feeding more of it upon the farms.

Mr. Hawely made a statement that many would be inclined to challenge, but which seems to be correct. It is that the amount of fertility taken from the soil in producing one dollar's worth of wheat will produce \$450 worth of butter fat. In other words the cows build up the soil where wheat tears it down, and nobody needs to be told how necessary it is to build up the soil here. One swallow does not make a summer and one meeting will not make the Umatilla project a great dairy country. It is however, encouraging to note that the sentiment is rapidly growing in favor of the milk cow, for it seems to be agreed that there is our big hope for growth and permanent prosperity.

### OUR BIRTHDAY

With this issue the Hermiston Herald becomes 15 years old and starts with issue one volume 16. The paper was founded in 1906 and has recorded the history of the project with all its ups and downs.

Running a paper in a small town is frequently a thankless job of hard knocks and little glory or profit. The Herald has been and is much better off than most papers in towns of this size and probably does as much business as any in the state.

For this we have to thank the progressive spirit of the people here, for it is they who make the paper. The publishers can put nothing into the paper that the patronage does not furnish them with money to pay for. If this paper is doing better than most small town papers it is because it is its good fortune to be located in an unusually live community.

The Herald takes this opportunity to thank the advertisers and subscribers for their support. We wish to assure the project that the paper will continue to boost for everything that is for the good of the country. It is our business to help everything that will help the people we serve, and the paper will be improved.

Our interests are all one in boosting for the town and the project. Hermiston will grow and prosper as the project grows and prospers. One cannot grow without the other and the one cannot keep from growing as the other grows. Pulling together will help each one and The Herald will always try to serve with those who are pulling and pushing.

On Tuesday the editor of The Herald had the pleasure of visiting the North Morrow County Fair at Boardman. It is safe to say that to most of the outside visitors and there were many, the exhibits were a revelation. Not only were the products displayed extremely good, but the displays were arranged in a painstaking manner that spoke for much hard work and thorough preparation. Putting on a fair is a man's sized job for any town and a real trial to a town Boardman's size. All the more credit is due those who promoted and made a success of it.

The Indiana picnic was a success. At least that's what the Hoosiers who attended say and they ought to know. Let us hope it will be the first of a number of state get-togethers for it serves the admirable purpose of bringing together people of the same nativity. Who'll be next?

Don't forget that the Dairy and Hog show will be the biggest and best ever.

### A FEW DRINKS

Oregon Journal  
"We had a few drinks."  
And the girl died. It occurred in a suite in a fashionable hotel in San Francisco. The girl was a beautiful and popular movie star. The man

who explains after her death, that "We had a few drinks," is also a highly paid and widely popular star in picturedom. Other men and women were present when "we had a few drinks."

Filmdom pays extravagant salaries. Some of the actors receive more than double the salary of the president of the United States. The president of the United States. The men who buy the films and display them to the public in movie houses.

And on their easy money, many of the big stars meet and, as they express it, "We have a few drinks." On the occasion in point, one of the party died. So did Olive Thomas in Paris.

They marry and they divorce, and after divorce they remarry. If one man or one woman doesn't suit, it is the popular notion to get another and, after trial, repeat the performance.

Nobody is so much in the newspapers. At least, nobody is so much in the marriage and divorce column. Their goings-on are the theme of constant picture, story and narrative.

The screen is a new institution of tremendous possibilities. It is the recreation for plain people and the diversion for moderates. It has a wonderful educative touch. It is the popular resort of the millions. By proper lives, the stars could exercise a great influence for good, and many of them do.

Smaller salaries, fewer drinks and better morals would be more seemly among the higher-ups.

### Oregon Press Comment

#### SOMETHING WORSE AHEAD

Dr. Brumfield didn't get a change of venue. What he does get will likely be an added source of disappointment.—Weston Leader.

Gardner Wanted—Inquire at federal prison, McNeill's island.

#### CAN'T ENJOY THAT MUCH

When a man steals millions from his government, his conscience troubles him so that the only thing he can enjoy is immunity.—Medford Mail-Tribune.

#### ARE WE HARD UP?

Any nation that will fool away as much time, money and effort on illicit booze as the American people do is certainly not very hard up.—La Grande Observer.

#### SOME GROUND FOR HOPE

Despite reeling Russia, Irish ire and the Mingo muss, there is a rift in the cloud, a sweet string in the broken lute, a rose amidst the thorns. The price of wheat went up more than four cents yesterday in Chicago.—Weston Leader.

#### AMEN BROTHER

There is something a trifle curious about the fact that on Labor day every body quits laboring but the newspaper man.—Eugene Register.

#### GOOD RIDDANCE

A lot of foreigners, it seems, have returned to their native countries because the United States is too "dry" for them. Now if the rest of our objectionable aliens will annex a mighty thirst and flit to the other side, we'll emit a genuine, whole-souled Methodist "Amen"—Medford Clarion.

#### WOULD DEVELOPE RAPIDS

The battleship Washington was launched Thursday. It cost many millions of dollars. The money spent in building it would build the proposed Umatilla rapids project on the Columbia river for the development of electrical power, the irrigation of thousands of acres of land and the drowning out of a barrier to upriver navigation.—Astoria Budget.

#### OBITUARY

Roscoe L. Fisher was born in Pleasanton, Linn County, Kansas, Oct. 10, 1887. He came to Washington with his parents in 1890 and remained at home until the last seven years which he spent in California. He died at Sacramento Sept. 2, his death being caused from a hemorrhage of the brain.

He leaves to mourn for him his father and mother, two sisters and two brothers.

At the time of his illness he was employed by the P. G. & E. Co. of California as civil engineer on Pitt River Power Plant.

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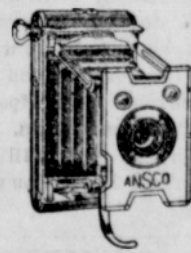
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