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OUR MALHEUR COUNTY FAIR

Ora E. Clark, farmer, commissioner, friend—and chairman of the Malheur county fair, with his secretary O. D. Dearborn, the grangers and others are hosts at the biggest party of the year this week end.

We call it the biggest party of the year because it is a party for farmers, for town folk, for grown-ups, for children—for even the cows and chickens of this beautifully productive valley of the Snake and Malheur. It's a party entertaining and educational.

To really take in the fair, we must see both the exhibit hall and the afternoon program. The crop show might sound like a side issue but it is far from it. Once, a fair fan has inspected the exhibit hall never again would he miss this display. We, who live in town, can scarcely believe that those excellent grains, huge potatoes, those mammoth pumpkins were actually grown right here at home. Do we know what a Poland China looks like? There is much for us to learn. Even farmers can get a lesson from the livestock and crop exhibits, Ora Clark says.

Granges take as much pride in artistic displays of farm crops as do the women of the Nyssa Civic Club in presenting their lovely flower show. It will in truth surprise you how artistic some of those grangers are, some of those leaders who never miss exhibiting at a Malheur county fair. Remember to visit the exhibit hall on fair days in Ontario, August 27, 28, 29.

BOY SCOUTING

(Editor's Note: This editorial by Howard Larsen makes him one step nearer a merit badge in journalism.)

In China, Japan, or even in darkest Africa, the Boy Scout movement extends its benefits to every boy who is willing to receive them. The whole Boy Scout movement is based on the significance of the badge.

Details of the badge are: The three points at the top of the badge represent the three points of the scout oath—duty to God and your country; helping other people at all times and obeying the Scout laws; keeping yourself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. The two stars stand for truth and knowledge. The eagle means freedom and is our national emblem. The scroll stands for a Scout smile. The overhand knot stands for doing a good turn daily.

Are not these objectives worth while?

The boy who attains the rank of an eagle scout becomes a straight forward, clean-thinking, honorable American citizen. The Red Cross, American Legion and the Boy Scouts are the three organizations recognized by the United States government. Parents having boys 12 years of age or over should urge them to become one of the Boy Scouts of America.

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OREGON

SELL OR TRADE THE SURPLUS

It seems that ingenuity may yet devise a plan whereby surplus wheat may find not only a market but a market that needs it.

Cooperating with the farm board, Chas. L. McNary supports the sale of 15,000,000 bushels of wheat to famine stricken China on liberal credit terms. The board has advised McNary that wheat for China will go from the Pacific Northwest.

McNary also requested the farm board to have the wheat made into flour before shipment, giving local industry an opportunity to convert the wheat. The board answered it would reserve the right to ship as much as one-half in the form of flour. Something was accomplished.

While McNary was working on the China plan, Walla Walla grain growers, themselves, were on the job. They formulated a plan that sounds absurd, but it probably isn't. Growers would contract with the farm board for purchase of wheat from it at the present price with the understanding that they will withdraw from production next year enough acreage to offset the amount of their purchase. At the present price the wheat would be grown at an actual loss so leaving the fields lie idle isn't much of a sacrifice. On the other hand, if a large acreage is idle next year the crop will be reduced, prices will rise and the growers who bought the 1931 price can make money at a higher 1932 figure.

However, it seems the better way to dispose of the surplus by feeding it to nations in need—or trade for some crop that isn't produced in this country as the wheat-for-coffee proposal.

OREGON'S EASTWARD SWING

Marshall N. Dana, of the Oregon Journal, came all the way from Portland to accompany the sub-committee on appropriations to Owyhee dam and the Vale project. He has made frequent calls since the government began irrigation development and each time his paper has carried some item, a picture or story of Malheur county. We appreciate this interest.

Since his visit here, we have watched for a report and here it is—a pot of gold:

"Due to the early completion of the Owyhee and Vale projects in Malheur county there is apt to be a new social, economical and political balance between eastern and western Oregon.

"Three counties of southern Idaho dominate the rest of that state. These districts were made by irrigation, and still look to their greater future through reclamation of land. Boise, Weiser, Caldwell, Payette and Twin Falls have all grown into important towns chiefly from the traffic in irrigated crops.

Governor Ross of Idaho told members of the congressional committee last week that three southern Idaho counties bordering the Snake produce, even under the existing depression, values of \$200,000,000 a year.

"E. C. Van Petten, W. J. Pinney and others said annual values on the Oregon side of the Snake will be as great when the Owyhee and Vale projects, now three-fifths complete, are fully constructed.

"Even after deep necessary deduction for local enthusiasm it will be evident that eastern Oregon lands about to be put into production will represent a value large in relation to the amount that represents the federal governments revised figures of \$131,559,000 for the total agricultural production in Oregon last year. The addition—to occur, of course, when times are more nearly normal—will compare respectably with the high average of \$180,000,000 struck from the last five years of Oregon agriculture.

"Farmers have hardships, taxes are in some instances unpaid, but no one will be pessimistic enough to argue that this is the condition that will always control. If the ultimate effect in eastern Oregon is to bring Ontario, Nyssa and Vale to the position of the Idaho towns on the other side of the Snake it may mean more congressional representation, more cargoes moving from the port of Portland, more tonnage moving east and west on the railroads and a new interest on the part of business leaders in Oregon's metropolis in what can be accomplished beyond the range."

Gardens in Nyssa are continuing the flower show with the promise that when the dahlias, daisies and asters are in full bloom it will be at its peak.

Don't worry about a mosquito as long as you hear it buzzing. Start worrying when it is silent—when it is into something.

All our taxation problems can be summed up in one little cry: "Tax the other fellow!"

Whatever the sorrows of Eve, she was never taunted by Adam's reference to his mother's cooking.

It is said more dumb people talk with their mouths than with their hands.

The birth control problem isn't as much trouble as controlling those already born.

About all one sees on a day's outing now is a spare tire bobbing up and down in front of you.

Maybe the reason the police do better in England is that the people they work for aren't the same ones they work against.

Voice of the Press

OREGON LOSES A GOOD MAN

Rev. Dan V. Poling, for several years connected with Oregon State college, is to leave this state and become pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Montclair, New Jersey. His job was evidently eliminated under the recently inaugurated economy program and although he disliked very much to leave Oregon he at once found an opportunity to return to church work in a big eastern town. He would, for he was one of the ablest men at any of state educational institutions. He will be sorely missed at Corvallis and throughout the state, but welcomed where he is going.—Baker Democrat-Herald.

WORTHY REAPPOINTMENT

The announcement of the reappointment of A. A. Schramm as state superintendent of banking is good news for the state banks and for the public whom the banks serve. Mr. Schramm has been giving an able and constructive service to the banks of the state. After several years of service in the position he has a clear understanding of the banking problems and is working with banks to solve these problems. An efficient bank superintendent can help banks to keep out of trouble, and can help them over such difficulties as arise in the normal conduct of their business. Schramm is rendering this service in a manner which is highly efficient. It would be a serious mistake to make a change in a department now when conditions are unsettled for a continuity of policy is highly desirable.

Oregon is going through the pains of a deflation period with comparatively few bank failures. This is in a large measure due to the vigilance and the constructive suggestions made by Supt. Schramm and his assistants. We want our banks to be strong and solvent; and when they operate under the careful scrutiny of the state department as now administered we may be assured that they will continue safe and trustworthy institutions.—Salem Capital Journal.

RELATIVES VISIT HOMES IN OWYHEE

Owyhee—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Quackenbush and three children arrived Sunday from Spokane to visit at the parental Tom Lowe and John Wall homes. Tuesday Mr. Quackenbush and Mr. Lowe visited the golf links at Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Harva Nelson of Portland were guests in the Chas. Fisher home and called at the Ray Cantrall home. Mrs. Nelson (Nellie Compton) is Mrs. Fisher's granddaughter.

Miss Florence DeBord of Payette is visiting her aunt Mrs. Fred Klingback. Miss Wilma Pullen is recuperating from an appendix operation at Ontario hospital Thursday.

L. T. Larson, a patient at Caldwell sanitarium, is reported seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bradley and daughters brought Grandma Bradley from Unity Sunday after her visit with the Geo. Smith family.

Mrs. Ooe Schweizer entertained Friday at dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Williams of Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Russell of Big Bend and Chas.

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