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COWS MAKE LOWER RECORDS IN JULY

ASSOCIATION TESTER REPORTS SLIGHT DECREASE IN PRODUCTION FOR MONTH.

A slight decrease in production is shown by the July report of Huston Grover, official tester for the Thurston County Cow-Testing association, only 55 cows out of the 520 tested making a record of 40 pounds or more of butter-fat during the month.

Lassie, a Holstein grade owned by D. J. Bigelow, heads the "honor list" with a record of 68.9 pounds of butter-fat for the month, while Sue, the record cow for June, is third, with 60.8 pounds to her credit. The highest averaging herds are those of Jay Bolster, with six out of the nine on the honor list; E. Munn, with nine out of 15, and M. E. Meek, with four out of eight.

Mr. Grover reports that the members of the association are taking much more interest in its work than during the first month, and states that several are already planning to dispose of individual cows in their herds that have fallen below their expectations. Three new herds were tested during July, bringing the total number of cows up to 520. The new members of the association are Mrs. Berwert of Chambers' Lake and A. D. Campbell and Phil Northcraft of Tenino.

Following is the "honor list" of all the cows producing 40 pounds or more of butter-fat for the month ended July 25:

Owner—	Breed.	Lbs. Milk.	But. Fat.
D. J. Bigelow	Holstein	1680	68.9
C. C. Aspinwall	Guernsey	1044	62.6
D. J. Bigelow	Jersey	1125	60.8
W. J. Abbott	Jersey	1153	58.8
E. Munn	Jersey	1162	58.1
E. Munn	Jersey	1107	57.5
A. B. Campbell	Durham	1212	57
C. C. Aspinwall	Holstein	1593	55.8
O. G. Cameron	Mixed	1054	54.8
O. Gardner	Holstein	1212	53.3
Jay Bolster	Guernsey	1098	52.7
D. J. Bigelow	Durham	1314	51.2
M. E. Meek	Br. Swiss	970	50.6
E. Munn	Jersey	933	50.4
E. Munn	Jersey	891	49.9
D. J. Bigelow	Holstein	1059	49.8
W. J. Abbott	Jersey	1119	49.2
Jay Bolster	Durham	1020	49
E. Munn	Jersey	902	48.7
E. Munn	Jersey	698	48.1
Will Kelsey	Durham	1082	47.5
Jay Bolster	Durham	1122	47.1
George Kelly	Jersey	972	46.6
D. J. Bigelow	Holstein	1281	46.1
Will Kelsey	Holstein	1209	45.9
E. Munn	Jersey	761	45.8
W. J. Wickie	Jersey	880	45.8
Jay Bolster	Guernsey	876	45.6
Mrs. C. E. Ayer	Mixed	772	44.8
W. J. Wickie	Holstein	931	44.7
Jay Bolster	Holstein	1143	44.6
D. J. Bigelow	Jersey	855	44.5
E. Munn	Jersey	755	44.4
H. Sommer	Holstein	1132	44.1
John Bush	Mixed	1100	44
Gen. Stevens	Holstein	1150	43.7
D. J. Bigelow	Mixed	822	43.6
C. C. Aspinwall	Guernsey	1062	43.5
M. E. Meek	Jersey	580	43.5
John Bush	Holstein	890	42.7
C. C. Aspinwall	Holstein	750	42
Sleater Bros.	Jersey	818	41.7
Mrs. C. E. Ayer	Durham	862	41.4
Will Kelsey	Holstein	931	41.4
E. Munn	Jersey	725	41.3
A. Koch	Ayrshire	939	41.3
M. E. Meek	Durham	645	41.3
A. Koch	Holstein	856	41.1
O. Gardner	Holstein	930	40.9
Sleater Bros.	Jersey	818	40.6
M. E. Meek	Jersey	828	40.5
A. Koch	Mixed	862	40.3
George Kelly	Jersey	876	40.3
John Bush	Mixed	893	40.2
Jay Bolster	Durham	834	40

Prosecutors Ask Re-Hearing.

Prosecuting Attorney Geo. F. Yantis and the similar officers of 15 other counties in the state have joined in a petition to the supreme court for a re-hearing of the Eden case, involving an interpretation of the prohibition law, by which they seek to obtain a modification of the previous decision. As it stands now the decision takes from the law an effective means of enforcement, the prosecutors say.

The Helping Hand Circle held a picnic at Priest Point park Thursday.

BIG FIRE IN NEW YORK.

Six Persons Killed and \$25,000,000 Property Destroyed by Explosions.

At least six persons were killed and property loss estimated at \$25,000,000 was caused early Sunday by a series of terrific explosions of ammunition awaiting shipment to the entente allies and stored on Black Tom island, a small strip of land jutting into New York bay off Jersey City. The cause has not been determined.

The detonations, which were felt in five states, began with a continuous rapid fire of small shells, the blowing up of great quantities of dynamite, trinitrotoluene and other high explosives, followed by the bursting of thousands of shrapnel shells, which literally showered the surrounding country and waters for many miles around. Fire started soon after the first great crash.

REPUBLICANS HAVE COMPLETE TICKET

THIRTY ASPIRANTS SEEK NOMINATIONS TO COUNTY OFFICES IN PRIMARY.

With candidates filed for all of the county offices, a complete Republican ticket is now in the field for the September primaries. Altogether there are 30 Republicans in the campaign for nominations for the different offices. Only one candidate so far has filed for the Non-Partisan ticket, but the time for filing does not close until August 12.

Twelve candidates, 11 of them Republicans, filed during the past week. Among them were P. H. Carlson and L. J. Morrison, who seek re-nomination and re-election as senator and representative, respectively; and Miss Annie Gaston, to succeed herself as county auditor. C. C. Aspinwall of Mud Bay and William F. James and A. N. Sargent of Grand Mound are also candidates for representative.

Two more candidates for sheriff, E. B. Conner and James A. Van Eaton, filed this week, and another candidate for engineer, Ernest L. Wolf. Robert S. Smith of Yelm is the fourth to enter the race for commissioner in the Second district, while Thos. L. O'Leary, who was defeated by Prosecuting Attorney Geo. F. Yantis two years ago, again seeks the nomination for that office on the Republican ticket.

Whether any more candidates will file on the Republican ticket is unknown, but as every one previously announced, with one or two exceptions, is now formally in the field, the general political opinion locally is that the race is now pretty well set. Several of the candidates, including County Superintendent O. C. Goss, County Clerk I. N. Holmes, Treasurer Fred W. Stocking, Auditor Annie Gaston, Senator P. H. Carlson and J. C. Sams as commissioner in the First district, have clear fields for the nomination. There has been some talk of primary opposition to two or three of these, but none has so far developed.

An interesting feature of the Republican primary situation is that half of the candidates hail from Olympia and that the representation of the other parts of the county in the primary will be small. The fact that there are several Olympia aspirants for the nominations for three or four of the offices, however, is advanced by some as an indication that the outside man has the edge of it on his city brothers.

Big Delegation for Pioneer Picnic.

Olympia will send a big delegation to the annual pioneers' picnic at Rochester next Thursday, August 10, the Chamber of Commerce announcing this week plans for organizing an automobile excursion on that day, to leave early in the morning and return after spending the entire day at the home-coming celebration. General Hazard Stevens, president of the Thurston County Pioneer & Historical society, is in charge of the pioneer feature of the day. Dr. J. B. Stanley of Rochester is supervising the general arrangements, while the program is being prepared under the direction of C. S. Scates of Oakville.

NOTED AUTHORS ISSUE CHALLENGE TO HUGHES

PROMINENT PROFESSIONAL WRITERS ASK REPUBLICAN NOMINEE TO MAKE HIS POSITION CLEAR—PUT PERTINENT QUESTIONS UP TO CANDIDATE, CHARGING HE HAS NOT OFFERED SINGLE CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION SO FAR.

On behalf of a committee of distinguished American writers, the executive group of which met in New York Wednesday at the Hotel Biltmore, George Creel gave out the following open letter:

"To the Honorable Charles E. Hughes:
"The professional writers who sign this letter have small interest in parties, but a very deep interest in democracy. It is our hope, through this voluntary association, to assist in the promotion of honest, educational discussion in order that fundamental issues may not be decided in prejudice and ignorance.

"Mr. Wilson's beliefs have been expressed in law and in declared policies. He has made an open record by which he may be judged. Wise choice is not possible unless you yourself make equally specific statement of purposes and convictions.

"Without intent to offend, we feel justified in charging that in no single public utterance have you filed a bona fide bill of particulars, nor have you offered a single constructive suggestion. Generalities are without value; blanket criticism is worthless.

Specific Statement Asked.

"What we desire to know, what it is fair that the electorate should know, are the exact details of your disagreement with President Wilson. What has he done that you would not have done, and what has he failed to do that you would have done or propose to do? Honesty and patriotism demand that you put yourself on record in such manner as to permit people to judge you as they are now able to judge President Wilson. For example—

"1—Would you have filed instant protest against the invasion of Belgium and backed up that protest with the United States navy?

"2—It is arrant nonsense to talk about action that would have prevented the Lusitania tragedy. The vague advertisement did not appear until shortly before the hour of sailing. The occurrence was one of those things that civilization has made the world regard as incredible. The only honest question is this: Would you have broken relations with Germany at once?

"3—Would you have urged upon congress an embargo upon the shipment of munitions to the allies?

"4—Would you urge universal compulsory military service?

Questioned as to Huerta.

"5—You are frank in stating that Huerta's morals were of no concern to America; does this mean that you would have recognized Huerta?

"6—As matters stand today, would you be in favor of intervening in Mexico?

"7—Does your attack upon the Wilson shipping bill mean that you are in favor of ship subsidies?

"8—You speak enthusiastically of the rights of the worker. Does this imply that you endorse the Clayton anti-trust law and the seamen's bill? Or will you urge their repeal?

"9—What are your specific complaints against the federal reserve law?

"10—As governor of New York, you opposed the income tax amendment; does this antagonism persist? Do you or do you not believe in paying for preparedness out of a tax on incomes, inheritances and munitions?

"We agree with you that it is a 'critical period,' by far too critical indeed for candidates to talk in terms of office-seeking rather than in the simple, earnest language of definite Americanism.

"Respectfully, (signed)

Samuel Hopkins Adams, Ray Stannard Baker, Ellis Parker Butler, L. Ames Brown, Dante Barton, Irvin Cobb, Wadsworth Camp, J. O'Hara Cosgrave, Stoughton Cooley, William L. Cheney, George Creel, James Forbes, Frederick C. Howe, Gilson Gardner, Frederick Stuart Greene, Oliver Herford, Prof. Louis Johnson, Richard Lloyd Jones, Peter B. Kyne, Percy MacKaye, A. J. McKelway, Basil Manley, Meridith Nicholson, Albert Jay Nock, Harvey J. O'Higgins, Charles Johnson Post, Eugene Manlove Rhodes, William McLeod Raine, Boardman Robinson, John Reed, Opie Reed, Edgar Selwyn, Wm. Leavitt Stoddard, Lincoln Steffins, Augustus Thomas, Frank V. Roonan, George West.

ATTACKS LEGALITY OF LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Suit May Result in Calling Special Session to Straighten Out Muddle.

Washington's legislators may be called in special session as the result of mandamus proceedings brought in the supreme court by Senator E. B. Palmer of Seattle, chairman of the senate re-apportionment committee, to compel the secretary of state to accept the filing of R. L. Warson for state senator from Mason and Kitsap counties. The case will be heard by the supreme court today in an effort to work out a badly muddled situation before the primaries.

The suit comes as the result of the legislature's failure in the 1913 and 1915 sessions to re-apportion the senatorial and legislative districts of the state in accordance with the 1910 census. The constitution makes such re-districting mandatory. The present suit is based on the argument that, as the legislature failed to obey the constitution, the present districts are illegal and the districts are as originally established.

If the supreme court upholds this argument, the general opinion is that a special session of the legislature will be necessary to straighten out the tangle, though there are some who claim the court can neither compel the governor to call a special session nor the legislature to re-apportion the state, and that therefore it will have to legalize the present districts.

CANNERY REOPENED, TO BE OPERATED ALL SEASON

Local Plant Now Running Full Blast—Seattle House May Be Closed.

The local cannery is again running full blast, Manager Mark Ewald having come over from Seattle and reopened it the fore part of this week, and its operation will be continued throughout the present season. The total production this year will be about the same as last, 60,000 cases, Mr. Ewald says.

Inability to obtain fruits and berries in the Seattle markets prompted the re-opening of the local cannery, Mr. Ewald said. The firm, the National Canning company, erected a large plant in Seattle this spring and closed down the local cannery, asserting that it had to ship in about 90 per cent of its supply.

The fruit and berry crop this year is far below normal in all parts of the state, Mr. Ewald says, and especially in Eastern Washington, where the pear orchards were practically ruined by a heavy frost last May and the crop will be only about 15 per cent of normal. It is likely that the company will shut down its Seattle plant within a short time, unless a larger supply of fruit and berries comes on. Mr. Ewald says, and will put up its entire "back" in the local cannery.

Precinct committeemen do not have to file notices of candidacy or pay any filing fees, according to a ruling given this week by Attorney General Tanner.

WOULD AVOID BIG STRIKE.

President Watching Railroad Situation—May Offer Aid to Settlement.

With reports from New York that "a preponderant number of the men are in favor of a strike," officials of the federal government, including President Wilson, are closely watching developments in the controversy between 225 railroad systems and their 400,000 employees, and are preparing to offer every possible aid in effecting an agreement and avoiding a strike.

Wednesday the president forwarded to the labor department an appeal he had received from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, declaring a strike is inevitable "unless some strong measures of intervention are speedily introduced," and urging an inquiry.

PUT NON-PARTISAN TICKET IN FIELD

COMMITTEE NOW URGING CANDIDATES TO FILE FOR COUNTY OFFICES.

With L. L. Snow, master of the Thurston County Pomona Grange, as chairman, and Travis Ayer as secretary, a campaign committee of five, representing various political parties, is now engaged in a canvass of the county, urging representative men and women to file for the different county offices on the Non-Partisan ticket.

This committee was authorized at the meeting of Democrats, Republicans and Progressives in this city last Saturday, when the local political situation was fully discussed and a decision made to put a Non-Partisan ticket into the field again this fall. At this time Messrs. Snow and Ayer were elected to their offices on the committee and various other members were suggested.

Hicks First to File.

Already one candidate, C. P. Hicks of Lacey, son of the pioneer Democrat, Gwin Hicks, has filed on the Non-Partisan ticket for the nomination as county engineer, and others are expected to file within the next few days, until there is a complete ticket in the field. Prosecuting Attorney Geo. F. Yantis will be a candidate for re-election.

Decision to put a Non-Partisan ticket into the field this fall was taken at an enthusiastic meeting in this city last Saturday, at which L. L. Snow presided, and Travis Ayer, a leader among the younger Grange workers, was secretary. Representative farmers of different parties attended the meeting, participated in its deliberations and joined in the decision to launch a Non-Partisan ticket.

Preceding the general meeting at which this action was taken, the Democratic county central committee met in formal session at the call of Chairman R. M. Fuller, some 15 members attending. A general discussion of the advisability of a straight Democratic ticket or a Non-Partisan ticket was had, the unanimous opinion being in favor of the latter course. The committee then adjourned and its members participated in the general meeting which followed.

Want Best Candidates.

Emphasis at this meeting was laid upon the character of the candidates, insistence being placed upon the individual ability of the candidates, regardless of party affiliations, and a determination expressed that the best possible men would be urged to file for the different offices on the Non-Partisan ticket. In line with this policy was the further one, expressed by several who attended the meeting, that the Non-Partisan committee endorse candidates for different offices in the Republican primaries, whom it thought capable of filling the offices to which they aspire and so entitled to general support.

The launching of a Non-Partisan ticket fulfills the platform adopted by Thurston county Democrats in their

Ted Parker of the Capital National bank, accompanied by E. H. Butler and Herbert Hashberger of Tacoma, has gone on a 10-day trip into the Olympics.

ROBERTS KEEPS MUM AS TO ACCOMPLICES

TO GO TO REFORMATORY FRIDAY—GILLIES EN ROUTE TO WALLA WALLA.

Henry Roberts, the escaped prisoner from the county jail who was brought back from Brighton, Colo., by Sheriff McCorkle Monday, was scheduled to leave Olympia Friday afternoon for the Monroe reformatory in the custody of a traveling guard, to serve his four years' sentence. The commitment papers were made out Thursday, after several examinations of the prisoner by Prosecuting Attorney Geo. F. Yantis and Sheriff McCorkle had failed to divulge from him any substantial information as to those who assisted him in the escape.

Friday, also, the two traveling guards who went to Key West, Fla., to bring back J. F. Gillies, Roberts' companion in the jail-break, who was arrested there Thursday of last week, were due to start on the return with their prisoner, who will be taken direct to the Walla Walla penitentiary. Gillies' motion for appeal was formally dismissed in the local superior court Friday.

For the present at least, neither Roberts nor Gillies will be prosecuted, though the investigation to learn those who may have assisted them in their escape will be carried on and the two prisoners may be brought to trial in the fall term of court. Likewise the charges of complicity under which Chester Bateman and Mrs. Gillies are held under \$1,000 bond each, will be held in abeyance, pending further investigation.

Practically the only information Roberts gave, according to the authorities was that friends of a third prisoner, who was released before the jail-break, furnished the keys and saws which made the escape possible. Severe questioning of Roberts, however, failed to obtain from him a confession as to the identity of the persons who aided them. The result was that, after he had been confined to the local jail three days, preparations were made to send him to the Monroe reformatory.

ABOUT the only comment Roberts would make when he arrived in the city in the custody of Sheriff McCorkle Monday evening, was: "I'm glad to get back and I'm glad Gillies is caught." Roberts attributes his capture to the fact that the town marshal was too industrious and called the Brighton official "another Ben Hall—one who knows everything that is going on." Hall while chief of police of Olympia originally caused the arrest of Roberts, who was convicted of a statutory charge on the testimony of a girl.

A newspaper story gave the marshal his first clue. Then he wired for instructions. Before his message was answered he received a circular. Roberts, knowing the marshal was suspicious, planned to leave, but was arrested before he got away.

Roberts had been traveling under the name of Harry Roland and says he almost talked the marshal into releasing him. All Olympia identification marks had been removed from his clothing, but in his suitcase the marshal found a book containing the addresses of a score of girls who live in this vicinity, as well as a clipping telling of Roberts' ability as a roller skater.

An interesting feature of the case developed after Sheriff McCorkle's return, when it became known that when he reached Brighton to claim Roberts, McCorkle learned that Marshal Ton of that city was a "C. O. D." person and had to pay him the \$150 reward before he took Roberts away from Brighton on the trip back to Olympia.

When Roberts and Gillies escaped, Sheriff McCorkle announced he would pay a reward of \$150 for Roberts in the event the county did not. The next day the commissioners met and said that if the reward were paid they would reimburse McCorkle. Roberts was captured.

Upon reaching Brighton, Sheriff McCorkle explained all this to Marshal Ton. The latter did not seem to be overly impressed. He wanted the