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"THE BEST YET"

The board of directors of the Malheur County Fair certainly hit upon an appropriate slogan for the Tenth Annual Exhibition which is to be staged here September 9 to 12. And what is more to the point there is every indication that they have so labored that this ambitious declaration is to be more than fulfilled.

There is one feature alone that will be worth the attendance of every citizen of the county; that is the airplane exhibition of Lieut. Bruce who will fly every day during the Fair. But that will be but one of many features that will entertain the Fair crowds.

Never before has there been manifested a greater spirit of co-operation by the people of Vale, Nyssa, Big Bend, Dead Ox Flat, Brogan, Jamieson, Juntura and all the ranch country round about.

The crops this year, of all kinds, are more abundant, and more stock men have manifested their determination to show their cattle, so that no matter what kind of produce is of greatest interest to the attendants at the Fair they will find displays and exhibits well worth their attention.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

It is not so many years ago that when you heard a bunch of men singing a rollicking song, without a shadow of a doubt in your mind you thought: "That bunch must be drunk."

Hilarious songs, and a stupid condition of the brain were twins, at least to minds of many, and their sentiments were expressed in such songs as: "Drink a High Ball at Nightfall," or "The Stein Song." The expressions of good fellowship found their source in vapor fumes, while the music itself was not bereft of charm.

Things are different now. This was proven at Portland last week to the members of the N. E. A and the Oregon Editorial association. Aided by the leadership of Walter Jenkins the community sings brot out all the high spirits that the scribes used to exhibit under the stimulating presence of John Barleycorn. And even John would hardly recognize the melodies of his old cronies, for whisky tenors were not in evidence and full throated notes replaced the halting lies of olden days. And judging by the way they sang no party of the torrential days of long ago was more enjoyed by the scribes—after all the rhythm is the thing.

IRRIGATION WATER NEEDED

After a season's experience it is the opinion of many residents of the city that the system of watering lawns now in vogue in Ontario is inadequate, and prohibitive for the larger lawns and trees. As the result of this belief steps have been taken to investigate the possibilities of a dual system.

It is entirely proper that this investigation and agitation should start now. It takes a great deal of time to solve such a problem, and there are many angles of the situation that must be carefully studied before action can be taken.

Several plans have been discussed. Among the proposals made the following have elements of merit which commend them: the installation of an auxiliary pumping system owned by an irrigation district to be formed within the city limits, or corresponding to the city area; the purchase by the city of water service for irrigation from either the Warm Springs or the Owyhee ditches; or from the Advancement Irrigation company.

The objection most seriously raised to the purchase of water from any of the irrigation ditch companies or districts is that the difference in service required is so great that such a plan will not be satisfactory. It is pointed out that to irrigate an alfalfa field a large head of water is needed for a comparatively short time, while for the irrigation of the city lawns a relatively smaller head for continuous service over the city is needed.

Also there is bound, at times, to be a conflict of interest between the city residents and the ranchers, especially if the water supply becomes low, which endangers the good relations which everyone desires to exist between the rancher and the city folks. Of course the residents of the city will always forego the use of water, if,

by using it, they endanger the farmers' crops. That is natural and it is good business. But by so doing they also endanger their lawns and the work of months or years in bringing lawns and trees to maturity. To avoid all this it is argued that a separate, low pressure system, independent of any other system is the only adequate method to adopt.

To do this, there must be a definite plan arrived at in a short time, because of the fact that such a system would require piping under the pavement to be laid in order that the entire city may be served.

The committee which was appointed by President Wood of the Commercial club to investigate the various plans must await the arrival of the City Engineer recently elected by the Council for there are many engineering problems connected with any plan which might be adopted. In the meantime the citizens of the community should consider the matter carefully for it will be their duty to finally pass upon the various proposals.

THE LIVING TWINS

Along with the generally prevailing talk about the High Cost of Living there is also no little discussion of the Cost of Living High. These economic twins appear to be as inseparable as the Siamese twins that Barnum displayed for the entertainment of the public years ago.

There is no denying the fact that the American people have made a remarkable rise in living standards during the past ten years. Here in Ontario for example where 99.9 per cent of the people fall within the realm of what is popularly described as "the middle class," the standard of living of the vast majority is equal to that of the millionaires of a half century ago.

The majority now living on this scale are doing so, not on accumulated savings of years, but from their monthly incomes. It therefore follows that these incomes must be greater all round than ever before. There is no longer a spirit of denying present pleasures for future comfort and financial security. Everyone wants to make money fast right now and spend it accordingly.

When an Ontarian talks about the High Cost of Living he must include the cost of running an automobile for pleasure. This must be so, for it takes the work of more people, the space of more and larger buildings, to care for the automobiles of Ontario and vicinity, than it does to feed and clothe not only the owners of these cars but the hundreds who do not joy ride thru life.

Of course the answer is obvious that an automobile is a necessity now. Well may be it is. But if it is then the residents of Ontario, and they are not exceptional in America, must accept that fact and admit that since we have reached that level of living we must pay the bill.

It is due to this rise in the standard of living, together with the socialistic agitation resounding the jargon about "producers" and "capitalists" and all that mongrel rubbish of the blatant soap boxers of the country that is the cause of the present industrial unrest, and to which the American people must give their serious consideration during the next few years.

The only way to sever the Living Twins, Hi Cost, and Cost of High Living, has been tersely put by many leaders of public that both here and abroad, for the problem is the same in England and France as it is here. Lloyd George stated the case directly when he said: "We will either have to produce more or lower our standard of living." That is what the American people will have to do, too.

It is all right to maintain the standard of living. No one really wants to see the standard lower, but it can only be maintained by more production. We can not eat our meat and keep it too. And we can not produce more by loathing and joy riding. This is especially true now when the product of American farms and American factories are required to supply the needs of devastated Europe. In other words the law of supply and demand is taking its toll and so long as this condition continues the Living Twins are bound to be with us and survive the attempted operations of political surgeons.

THE STICKING POINT

As the result of the President's conference with the Senate foreign relations committee it is apparent that the sticking point is the interpretation of the famous Article X. The President's view is that this is not a legal imposition of duty upon the United States but "in certain circumstances and absolutely compelling moral obligation." It is apparent therefore that there is a discrimination, without a difference.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10:00 Bible School.
11:00 Public Worship.
W. F. COCHRAN,
Minister.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
8:30 a. m., Low Mass.
10:30 a. m., High Mass.
9:30 a. m., Catechism for the boys and girls.

BAPTIST CHURCH
Bible school 10:00.
Morning worship 11:00.
Gospel Service 8:15.
Continuing the study of the Book of Revelation.
Prayer Service, Wednesday 8:30

METHODIST CHURCH
10 a. m. Sunday School.
11 a. m. Preaching.
7:15 p. m. Epworth League.
8 p. m. Preaching

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
Rev. J. H. Maloney, Pastor.
During July and August:
Sunday Masses at 6:30 and 9 a. m.
No Sunday School.
Special Doctrinal sermons every Sunday morning.
Visitors respectfully invited.

ATTENTION CITY WATER USERS
You are requested to stop all lawn sprinkling and irrigating upon the Fire Bell being struck Five strokes, and to resume only upon the bell being struck Two times.
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The Vision

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AND SO IT IS WITH HOMES

TO THE UNTHINKING A PILE OF LUMBER, OR A LUMBER YARD, ONLY MEANS A CONGLOMERATE MASS OF MORE OR LESS NECESSARY UGLINESS. TO THE LUMBERMAN WITH A SOUL, TO THE ARCHITECT WITH A VISION, OR THE BUILDER WITH AN INBORN PRIDE OF ACHIEVEMENT, TO ALL OF THESE THIS UNSIGHTLY PILE OF TODAY MERELY CONCEALS THE BEAUTIFUL COMPLETED HOME OF TOMORROW.

LET US PREPARE FOR YOU THAT HOME OF YOUR VISION.

AL. CHANCE

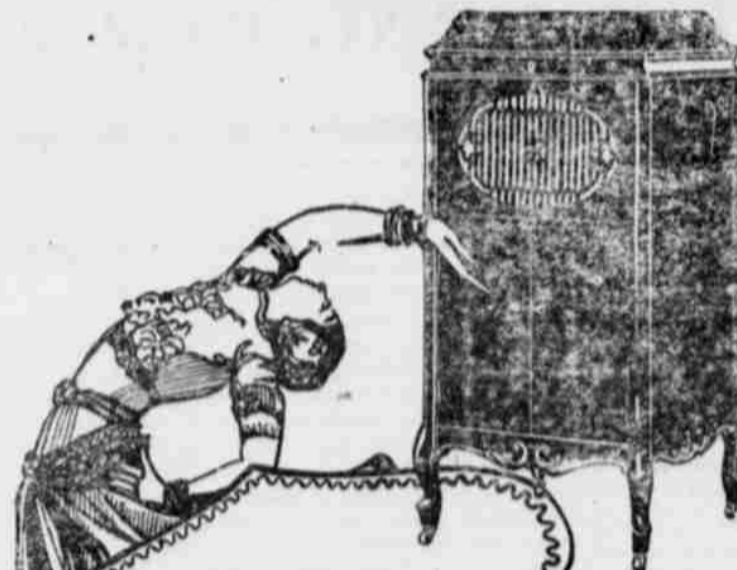
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