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PRODUCTS OF CROOK ASTONISH NATIVES

Garden Truck and Fruit in Willamett Valley Quantities, and Even Greater.

Prineville, Oct. 25.—The third annual fair of the Central Oregon Livestock Association, at Prineville, opened yesterday with fine weather and a great crowd, and with all the usual sideshows seen at fairs—fortune tellers, all kinds of sure thing games and novelties as the attraction. The hotels and all other places where anyone can eat and sleep are crowded. The pavilion built three years ago is full from top to bottom, and the exhibits are a revelation to pioneer residents and strangers alike. The exhibits of potatoes alone cover a space of shelving four feet wide and 60 feet long; there are 31 entries and without doubt no other county in Oregon could make a better showing. The 31 entries named are those entered for a premium. A great many are on exhibition, not entered for competition. All other garden truck is shown in great abundance. String beans from Culver and Powell Buttes are here to prove this is just as good a garden as a stock country. Enormous heads of cabbage from eight different parts of the county are shown alongside the proverbial big turnips, always shown at county fairs. Beets, parsnips, watermelons and carrots in many varieties and in fine condition are here. Some splendid tomatoes divide attention alongside rows upon rows of enormous-sized onions from many districts.

The fruit is grand, and visitors who take a look at the long rows exclaim: "I had no idea so much fruit was raised in Crook county." Apples measuring 16 inches around down to the small crab-apple are here, and will compare for color and flavor with any grown on this coast. Many varieties of pears and peaches are here, and on the fruit benches are almonds, English walnuts, ground cherries and huckleberries, all fresh. The grain and grass exhibits are not in as great numbers as last year, but what are here are very fine. The threshed grains are good, but considering the county has threshed more than 1,500,000 bushels this season a better showing was expected along these lines.

The ladies' and educational exhibits take up one-fourth of the pavilion, and many kinds of work done by hand are shown. One pair of woolen socks made by "Grandma" Harbin this year attracts attention, as "Grandma" is 87 years old. In the cooking and preserving line, jellies come first, with pickles next in point of numbers of exhibits.

Between 30 and 40 race horses are quartered around here and from four to eight entered in each race. The stock and poultry exhibits are pretty well filled. The leading entries in horses are by the Baldwin Sheep &

Land company, of Hay creek, which has here shire horses and mares imported direct from England, with colts born in this country alongside them. G. Springer, of Culver, has probably the largest mare in the state on show. Cattle are shown in plenty, but a peculiar feature is that no sheep so far are entered for premiums.

The only inconvenience is the dust. Everyone wishing for a good shower.

Consolidation Committee at Work.

The consolidation committee of the North Bend and Marshfield chambers of commerce met Tuesday evening, October 29th, and elected Francis H. Clarke, of Marshfield, chairman and A. W. Myers Secretary. Sub-committees were appointed to take up different departments of the work of developing the plan of consolidation with a view to keeping the preservation, protection, policing and improvement of Coos Bay. A committee was also appointed to visit Empire and find out the sentiment of that city on the subject of joining forces with North Bend and Marshfield in the future city. From the discussion which was had in regard to the subject of consolidation it was evident that the committee was a unit in trying to arrive at a satisfactory basis of union and that it was favorable to consolidation on some plan which would include the entire bay and all the platted districts and districts abutting on the navigable waters of the bay. The questions to be determined by the committee are those affecting the mode of procedure, whether by invoking the initiative and referendum or by acting under general laws providing for consolidation and annexation of territory. It is very probable that the committee will recommend the name Coos Bay or Coosbay for the greater city. If the post office department objects to the capital "B" the name will doubtless be Coosbay.

MORE RAILROAD TALK

Chambers of Commerce Organize to Open Neglected Area.

Walter Lyon, secretary of the Marshfield chamber of commerce, is in Roseburg on his way back from Portland, where he has just made arrangements with Olds and King to exhibit Coos county apples in their most prominent corner window on Fifth and Washington streets. This is one step in the program for advertising Coos county and "the great neglected section" of Oregon.

Mr. Lyon's visit also had a wider significance. A movement is being begun by the Coos Bay chamber of commerce which looks towards the organization of all the chambers of commerce in central Oregon from Coos Bay through to the Snake river. With all of the business interests of this great section working together it is felt that outside capital can be encouraged to give it a railroad out-

let. The great natural resources of this vast section is little realized by the outside world. A railroad from Coos Bay through Roseburg to Vale, Oregon, and connecting on the Snake river with the O. R. & N. must be a paying investment.

In a recent address before the Marshfield chamber of commerce C. A. Smith, the wealthy Minneapolis lumber man, stated that within five years two trans-continental lines would terminate at Coos Bay.

On the faith of this conviction Mr. Smith is erecting the largest sawmills on the coast. They will employ 2,000 men with their allied branches of logging, etc. and will turn out 500,000 feet of lumber every twenty hours.

Mr. Lyon has received much encouragement from local members of the chamber of commerce—Roseburg Review.

The Panic on Wall Street.

There has been nothing especially new in the administration campaign against law breaking corporations. The president has made no more disturbing speeches, and legal proceedings are confined to extorting bit by bit instructive information from trust magnates. But the Metropolitan merger graft has been exposed and the copper bubble has exploded. In other words, the misdeeds and crookedness of the corporate interests themselves are the cause of the smash. In addition, Lawson charges and Helnze intimates that the Standard crowd with its allies in the copper ring are smashing copper stocks with the intention of gathering them in at bottom prices. We should say that a more probable version is that Rogers is himself squeezed by his self-created load in trying to build his new railroad and that his holdings of copper and other stocks have been thrown on the market, to aid the general smash. It certainly seems, if prices are approximating the hard pan of 1893, the judicious purchases of sound stocks can be made to advantage. The man who buys on margin for a rise subjects himself to the risk of a shearing. But he who buys sound divided earning stocks, and puts them away in his safe deposit box, has a good chance of turning out wiser than the great manipulators.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Fortunately for the legitimate business interests of the country, with the increased trickiness and dishonesty of Wall Street there has come a more general knowledge of the true conditions which regulate the stock exchange quotations. The really strong men who control the finances and the operations of the big companies trouble themselves very little about Wall Street quotations. The majority holders of the stock care very little about what Wall Street does to the minority, and sensible stockholders who have secured small interests as an investment and are not concerned in

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gambling bets on imaginary stock carried on margins, may well follow the example of the big stockholders. A good illustration of current interest is to be found in the stock of the American Smelting & Refining Company. Some months ago that stock was quoted perhaps above its actual value. Today to all appearance the Wall Street quotation appears ridiculously low. Yet there is no reason to believe that the actual material value of the property and its dividend-earning power have greatly changed. Wall Street is playing the game, that is all, and sudden rises and declines are as necessary to Wall Street operations as the opening and shutting of the shears is necessary to the wool gatherer elsewhere.—Pueblo Chieftan.

TIMES TOO GOOD FOR PANIC.

New York, Oct. 30.—The best way to prevent a recurrence of the financial conditions, in the opinion of William J. Bryan, would be to provide a guarantee fund raised by taxing the banks themselves, which would be used in emergency to safety demands of depositors.

"But the bankers," said Mr. Bryan, "are the very men who fight such a plan because they object to the tax."

Mr. Bryan said he thought a general panic would not result from the present conditions in New York City. He is not inclined to hold President Roosevelt responsible for the present conditions.

"It would be unfair to hold President for the situation," said Mr. Bryan. "He should not be criticised for attacking manifest evils, but I do not mean to say that he has been wise in all that he has done. The local situation looks more like a scare to me, than anything else," continued Mr. Bryan.