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Morrow County's First Annual Fair. Irrigon's Offering.

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Remember, you cannot register after the 20th of October.

Heppner business men got into the spirit of the occasion by decorating their places of business and providing rest rooms for the fair visitors.

We take off our hat to our neighboring city in the north. Irrigon has the goods and displayed them to good advantage. Grapes, peaches and apples vied with the watermelons, squashes and a multitude of other garden products. Irrigon certainly has the goods.

Eight Mile and the south end of the county joined to make the attendance a big one on Friday. Surely enough people to milk the cows, feed the chickens and water the pigs were not left at home in these localities on that day of the first Morrow County Fair, and everyone of them is a booster for the 1914 show.

The special election will be held on November 4. Several important measures are to be voted on. Do you stand for higher education? Then you must vote to sustain the action of the last state legislature when they gave their sanction to higher education by appropriating money to carry on work successfully at the state University.

Morrow county was fortunate in securing the services of Walter E. Donnelly as manager for the fair. Everything went off as scheduled and the exhibits were well handled and placed. Mr. Donnelly went to Portland and secured enough concessions to pay for his own salary. He was undoubtedly one of the big factors in making the first annual Morrow county fair a big success.

Those big crowds from Lexington and Ione showed their splendid appreciation of the event. Friday was the day the Lexington folks came and it looked like most everyone about the streets had on a Lexington ribbon. On Saturday, Ione closed shop and came to Heppner en masse. A splendid compliment, indeed, and one greatly appreciated by the Heppner people and the Fair management.

The First Annual Morrow County Fair was the means of bringing about a needy organization—that of organizing in a body the Morrow County Pioneers. Many of the pioneers who were among the first to settle in Morrow county have moved away to other localities, but they remain pioneers of the county. What they have done for the future of the county cannot be over estimated. They suffered hardships from which the present generation would flinch. They have stayed by the country through drouth and failure. They have had the faith and courage to try again and finally succeeded in building homes in a country that would stand for future generations. Would it not be better to erect a monument to their noble deeds now, rather than wait until they have passed to the great beyond? What can be a more noble way of paying tribute than that of organizing a Morrow County Pioneers' Association which will contain the names for future generations of those courageous men and women who have lived and died in making this county what it is and what it will be.

Among the many pleasing features of the fair was the band music. The fair management went to no little expense in securing a good band and it was well worth the money. Parsoh's band is made up of good musicians, every man an expert on his particular instrument, and they were not stingy with their music. Their concerts at the pavilion were especially good and at no time was there any kick coming because they did not play enough. They gave complete satisfaction.

Walter Richardson, newly appointed postmaster at Heppner under the Wilson administration, to succeed W. W. Smead, took up his official duties the first of the month. "Walt" is one of Morrow county's oldest pioneers and is quite well known over this section of the state. He came to Heppner in 1872 and has been here continually ever since. Mr. Richardson is a man well qualified for the position to which he has been appointed.

It was **SOME** fair.

Have you registered yet?

An interested and enthusiastic visitor at the fair was Mr. Chas. Roberts of Lexington. Mr. Roberts is a new man in Morrow county, having arrived here late in May. His interest in the fair, however, was genuine. He has a fine driving animal which he brought up early last Thursday to enter in the stock exhibit, expecting to take in the fair that day and return home. About the time he had concluded to take the homeward trail he was confronted by President Leach, who was in search of a good man to act as gatekeeper at the main entrance. Mr. Roberts was induced to take the job and he proved to be the man for the place.

ELOQUENT ADDRESS ENJOYABLE FEATURE

One of the very best features of the Morrow County Fair was Pioneers' day. There were present a large number of Morrow county citizens who came here prior to 1890, as well as many old Oregonians who were not eligible to membership in the Morrow County Pioneers' Association.

The exercises of the occasion were largely impromptu on account of the want of time to make suitable preparation. About the only thing especially provided for this order of the day was the address by Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of Pendleton. Of course, every one who had ever heard Judge Lowell was prepared to hear something worth while, and they were not disappointed. In a forty-five minute address, replete with anecdote, historical facts, argument and appeal, the speaker held the vast concourse of interested, thinking people spellbound. He recited many of the trials and vicissitudes through which the pioneers of this country were called to pass, paid a glowing tribute to their foresight and heroism, and made a strong appeal to the young men and young women of today to emulate the example of the early settlers by being themselves pioneers of the oncoming generations to a higher plane of civilization and citizenship through improved methods of farming, better systems of education, and loyalty to the highest moral standards.

The speech throughout was well conceived and delivered in the Judge's happiest vein. It is not too much to say that he fully sustained his reputation as one of the foremost platform orators of the state of Oregon.

The exercises were interspersed with the singing of patriotic songs and inspiring band music. Following the exercises preliminary steps were taken to organize the Morrow County Pioneers' Association. J. J. Adkins acted as temporary chairman, J. L. Yeager as secretary. After due consultation it was thought best to appoint a committee to submit to a future meeting a permanent board of officers for the organization. The meeting adjourned to meet in this city October 18.

We understand that the committee will submit the following as their report:

President, Frank Gilliam; 1st vice-president, A. C. Petteys; 2nd vice-president, James Wyland; 3d vice-president, M. S. Corrigan; secretary, L. W. Briggs; treasurer, C. E. Jones.

An Open Letter to the Public.

The first annual Morrow County Fair was a grand success, and I wish publicly to congratulate everybody who helped in any way to make it the success it was, but I especially want to congratulate President Leach and his Board

of Directors, live wires, for making our first fair compare favorably with any held in Oregon this year.

The Fair in every way so far exceeded expectations that it is a matter of gratification to everybody in Morrow county.

I wish also to congratulate Mayor Van Vactor and the members of the city council for their material assistance in cleaning up the streets, and turning all money collected for concessions over to the Fair Board. This was commendable and should be appreciated by all.

I also want to congratulate the entertainment committee for furnishing the best entertainment we have ever had in the seven years which I have lived in Morrow county. The band never quit playing as long as it was necessary to furnish music, and at no time was there any kicking about this bunch of competent musicians. They are not only musicians, but all are gentlemen as well. I believe it would be a good plan to engage these men to furnish the music for our fair next year.

From a financial point of view the Fair was a success. The total amount received is as follows: Business men, \$1272.50; gate receipts and other sources, \$1267.50; Morrow county, \$830; State, \$670.66; City of Heppner, \$500; entry fees and other sources, \$242.85; making a grand total of \$4,783.51.

What man is not proud of this community when he reads these figures?

It should be the pride and ambition of every citizen of Morrow county to make the next annual fair bigger and better than the one just closed. It can be done if everybody will begin to BOOST for the Morrow County Fair of 1914.

J. L. WILKINS.



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