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THE STATE FAIR.

The Salem Statesman devotes over a column of its space to the discussion of an article in a Portland paper which had referred to the State Fair as "Marion County Fair." There is no occasion for such a vehement denial. Neither the people of Portland nor the people of Oregon look upon the State Fair as a local exposition. There was a time when the people considered it as one of only local importance, but that time passed several years ago. The State Fair has been conducted on broader plans in the last four or five years, and has been a credit to the state, as well as a valuable advertising and educational institution.—Oregonian.

As long as it was left in the hands of the Salem people the State Fair was a local affair, and a most disgraceful one at that. No one is better acquainted with this fact than the editor of the Statesman, who, as governor, signed the bill that took the fair out of the hands of the ring that had been bleeding it to death. When the Legislature met in 1899 it was generally believed that the law creating the State Board of Agriculture would be repealed, or at least amended in such shape as to cut out the clauses requiring the holding of a State Fair. Public sentiment favored this on account of the inefficient manner in which the Board had performed its duties. The Board was composed of thirteen members, and, as they selected their own successors, gradually Marion County had secured absolute control, and the premium list was so juggled and padded that it amounted to a distribution of money among a number of local grates—male and female, and in the appointment of officials and help the same system prevailed. The State Board had borrowed a large amount of money, and in addition to this had incurred a warrant indebtedness of over \$7000. It owed everybody, and when a horseman rented stables or purchased hay from the board, it refused to take its own warrants in payment. In fact, it was about as rotten an institution as ever existed.

The editor of the Mist introduced and secured the passage of the bill reforming the State Board of Agriculture, and putting it upon a state instead of a local basis. It provided that the Board should consist of five instead of thirteen members; that no two of them should be from any one county, and that no more than three of them should be of the same political faith. In addition to this he inserted in the general appropriation bill an item of \$7500 for the purpose of paying off the warrant indebtedness of the Board. Governor Beer, upon the bill becoming a law, asked the editor to name two members of the Board, and we named W. H. Wehrung and Senator Reed.

From that day the Fair became a State instead of a local institution; but the credit is not due to the people of the city of Salem, who have always been backward in realizing the benefits the State has conferred upon them and the great natural advantages they possess. Salem should be the city beautiful, and undoubtedly will be in time one of the most beautiful and prosperous capitals in the Union.

Elsewhere in these columns appears the official notice of County Assessor A. T. Laws calling the attention of the taxpayers of Columbia County to the fact that he is now at work on the tax rolls, and asks each a statement of the assessment he made on their property, he invites and urges all who deem themselves wrongfully assessed, to call immediately on him at his office before the tax rolls are turned over to the Board of Equalization, which meets on Monday, August 20th, next, and if wrong, can be corrected. Now is the time to attend to this, not after the rolls have been turned over to the proper officers for collection. They have no authority to make reductions, but must collect the taxes as they appear on the books.—So attend to this at once.

One thing must be said in Judge Parker's favor. He thinks so well of the Republican gold standard policy that he has recommended it to a party he knows does not believe in it, and is not honest in claiming to do so.

The new court house, built of stone, upon the bank of the great Columbia, will be the best exhibit possible to be shown to visitors to the 1905 Fair. Provision for its construction should be made at the next term of the county court.

BARBERS' LAW UPHOLD.

In an opinion handed down at Salem last Monday the Supreme Court upholds the validity of the barber examiner law, which has been held unconstitutional by Judge George of Multnomah county. Judge George held the barber law unconstitutional on the ground that it delegates to the board of examiners legislative authority and that it vests in them power to issue or withhold licenses arbitrarily. The Supreme Court holds that the law is open to neither of these objections. The validity of the law was tested by a criminal proceeding against H. L. Briggs, who conducted a barber school in Portland. Briggs was found guilty, but judgment was arrested upon motion of defendant and the state appealed. The Supreme Court having reversed the lower court, the case now goes back for sentence to be passed upon Briggs. Judge George is reversed in an opinion written by Justice Bean.

The Mist and Oregonian \$2 per year. The Mist is the oldest and best paper published in the county.

GOOD ROADS PROMISED.

CONGRESS WILL PASS BILL FOR GOVERNMENT AID.

Oregon Should Be Prepared To Take Advantage of It—Two Plans Suggested.

"It is almost certain that at the next session of congress a bill will be passed providing for government aid in road-building, and Oregon should get ready to secure the full benefit of that act," said United States Senator C. W. Fulton, in discussing matters of interest to Oregon. "There has been a strong demand throughout the entire country for the passage of such a bill, and I believe that a majority of the members of congress are favorable to such legislation. Of course it is impossible to say what kind of a law will be enacted, for there are several measures proposed.

"The Brownlow bill has been most generally discussed and is best known, but some others, with different features, may be passed. Whatever bill is finally approved, the general plan will be the same—to require the states or their legal subdivisions to bear one-half the expense of the roadbuilding. The Oregon laws as they stand at present contain no provisions under which this state could take advantage of an offer of government aid. While I have not an impression that a law should be enacted giving some officer authority to apply for, receive and disburse funds to which this state may be entitled under a national appropriation, Oregon should anticipate the action by congress and be ready to get her share of the money when it becomes available."

The Brownlow bill, to which Senator Fulton referred, provides for an appropriation of \$20,000,000, no state to receive a greater proportion than its population bears to the total population of the United States. The bill contemplates the creation of a Bureau of Public Roads in the Department of Agriculture, the general purpose of the bureau being to assist in the improvement of public roads and to encourage the adoption of a uniform system of roadbuilding and taxation for road purposes. It is provided that any state or political subdivision thereof, through its proper officers having jurisdiction of the public roads, may apply to the director of said bureau for co-operation in the actual construction of a permanent improvement of any public highway within the said state in the following manner: Every application for the co-operation herein provided for shall be accompanied by a properly certified resolution stating that the public interest demands the improvement of the highway described therein, but such description shall not include any portion of a highway within the boundaries of any city or incorporated village."

If the director of the bureau approves the application he must prepare plans for the road as he thinks it should be built and submit to the State Road Officer an estimate of the cost of construction. If the state authorities approve the plans and estimates, they are to be called for and the contract for construction to be let to the lowest bidder. One-half of the cost of construction shall be paid by the state and one-half by the government, provided that the state may distribute its share of the burden upon the counties, road districts or property owners.

Representative Lattimer of South Carolina, has also prepared a bill upon this subject, providing for an appropriation of \$24,000,000. His measure requires the state to bear half the expense of the plan of distribution is different. He would have \$100,000 given in the first instance to each state with less than 750,000 inhabitants. The remainder of the money he would have divided among the states according to population, exclusive of the population of cities of 10,000 or more inhabitants.

UNABLE TO SWIM.

Fireman of Logging Camp Drowned While Bathing.

The steamer Kellogg on its up-trip last Monday morning brought to St. Helens the body of Joseph Lowe, who was drowned in the Coweman river Sunday. Lowe had been employed as fireman of the donkey engine at Muckle Bros' logging camp, and went in bathing, in company with Wilbur, son of James Muckle. He was unable to swim, and getting out of his depth, called for aid. Young Muckle went to his assistance, and did his best to save him, but was unable to do so, and would himself have been dragged in and drowned had not assistance arrived.

Lowe has a sister engaged as teacher in the Scarpoose school, and a brother working at Hammond, besides other relatives in this county.

Deceased was born in Green county, Iowa, September 22, 1883. Joseph was a young man of good habits, industrious, and was studying and fitting himself for practical engineering. Rev. Mr. G. M. Thorpe, of Rainier, met the afflicted family and friends Tuesday afternoon and held services, but owing to conditions, it was decided to hold memorial services in the M. E. church at Houlton at 3 p. m. Sunday, August 14, to which all are invited.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness rendered and sympathy expressed in the sudden drowning and death of our dear boy, Joseph Lowe.

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OREGON AT THE EXPOSITION.

Land of Lewis and Clark Has Displays at St. Louis Fair Surpassing any Heretofore Made by The State.

By W. H. WEHRUNG.

St. Louis, July 28, 1904. Although 2000 miles from home and handicapped by a comparatively small state appropriation, Oregon has an exhibit at St. Louis that would be a credit to any state in the Union. The various departments are under the charge of capable superintendents and all the displays have been installed in such an attractive manner that they never fail to interest World's Fair visitors.

Never before have such disadvantages been overcome in securing the state exhibit, and never before in the history of Oregon's participation in American expositions have the efforts of those in charge of the showings been crowned with such success as has been attained at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Oregon has had exhibits at every celebration held in the United States in the last decade, but her crowning triumph has been at St. Louis, where she has installed a display that represents every branch of industry and resource existing within her boundaries.

Oregon's displays are divided into six departments exclusive of the state building, which contains no exhibits other than those generally placed in state buildings. These six departments are: mining, educational, agricultural, horticultural, forestry, and fish and game. Each of these exhibits is in its respective exhibit place.

The Oregon building itself is one of the most interesting state structures at the fair, and holds a high record for visitors, nearly ten thousand having registered since the opening day. It was built at a cost of \$10,000, and is a replica of Fort Clatsop, the building erected on the Pacific Coast by American citizens, being constructed by the great explorers, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, on the seashore in northwestern Oregon, a little more than 100 miles from the place where the city of Portland is now located.

Lewis and Clark started on their long journey to the Pacific Ocean from St. Louis in 1804, and, after spending one winter on their way, reached Oregon and the mouth of the Columbia river in 1805. They built Fort Clatsop in that year and used it as a dwelling and a defense against the Indians during the winter of 1805-6, starting on their return trip to the states in the spring of 1806.

In commemoration of the fact that Portland intends to celebrate the centennial of this memorable journey by the Lewis and Clark Exposition in the summer of 1905, the Oregon State Commission, which has charge of the state exhibits, both at St. Louis and at Portland, decided to erect at St. Louis as the state building a reproduction of the famous fort and trade. The original, built many years ago, had become long since crumbled away, and the only thing that now remains to remind the Seaside visitors of the presence of Lewis and Clark is a salt cairn used by the explorers to evaporate sea water to procure table salt. This pile of boards has been fenced in and will be properly cared for by the Oregon Historical Society.

The Oregon building is made of fir and pine logs brought all the way from Oregon, and is the first state building this western commonwealth has ever had at any exposition. The interior is finished in beautiful native woods—fir, larch, spruce and cedar—and the long fine grain and the absence of ugly knots in the planking never fail to elicit favorable comment from visitors who know good lumber when they meet it. Realizing that the St. Louis Exposition would be the greatest fair the world has ever seen, or probably ever will see, and that this would be the first time the state was represented by a building of her own, the commission has taken pains to erect a building to contain features of interest. That this idea has been carried out is attested by the large crowds that have thronged the Oregon building ever since opening day.

The main room is filled with magnificent views of Oregon's justly famed scenery, Indian robes and other articles of interest. One side is completely filled by a large fireplace with a commodious chimney with a grate. Directly over the fireplace is a fifteen-foot panorama of Portland, showing snow-capped peaks and the beautiful Willamette river and the surrounding country.

In addition to the main reception room there are four office rooms which also contain interesting articles from Oregon. In the rear is a stockade 100 feet square, with bastions at the two outer corners.

The nearest exhibit to the state building is the mining display in the south corner of the Palace of Mines and Metallurgy. This display is the best mining exhibit ever got together by the state and represents Oregon's mining industry in the most complete manner.

The most important and interesting part of the display in the Mining Palace is the pure gold showing. A large gold brick from an Eastern Oregon mine weighs 62 ounces, and is worth \$18 an ounce. It isn't the kind of a gold brick you read about, either; it's pure gold and is valued at close to \$1200. There are several thousand dollars' worth of pure gold in smaller pieces and in dust, and five thousand dollars' worth of 75 per cent gold quartz, worth \$15 an ounce. It is within the last few years only that Oregon's mines have reached a high stage of development, and this is the first opportunity mine owners have had of showing how extensive are the mineral resources of the state. Displays of iron, silver, copper, cinnabar, from which mercury is extracted, kaolin, cobalt, tin, nickel, zinc and a dozen other interesting minerals are on display for visitors' inspection.

The educational exhibit embraces many bound volumes of school work, pictures of all types of public and private learning institutions in the state and examples of manual training. All of the display ranks high with other states and shows that work done by Oregon students is as good as work done by students in any part of the country. The exhibit is tastily installed, and particular pains have been taken to make it attractive.

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TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Mary Robinson Believed to Have Committed Suicide.

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"Dear Papa and Mamma: I am drowned, and I had a reason for it, too. I want no questions asked about me or none answered. Goodbye. From your ever-loving Mary K."

"Please give my love and best wishes to Dan Lope."

The foregoing note and a child's red dress skirt was found in a woodpile on the dock at this place last Monday morning at an early hour by Night Watchman Goss.

Mary Robinson, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Robinson, disappeared from St. Helens early Friday morning last, and from that time until today no clew as to her whereabouts has been discovered, though Sheriff White made the most earnest efforts to find her, and the authorities in every community within reasonable distance were notified to look out for her. The general belief was that she had eloped with a young man named Dan Lope, with whom she was known to have been on intimate terms. Lope is about 25 years of age.

Sunday a typewritten letter was discovered among Mary's effects. It is a very long one and some parts of it are unsuitable for publication. In it she accuses Lope of having wronged her. She states that she has been under the care of a Portland physician, and that he informed her that she could not live, therefore, she had concluded to commit suicide, and pleads with Lope not to treat other girls as he had treated her. In the same letter she states that her name is not Robinson, but June Hathaway, and that she is going to visit a brother in San Francisco; that she will be absent about three years, and will then return and marry Lope. The statements are contradictory and some of them are known to be false, as the Robinsons are old residents here, and there is no doubt that Mary is their daughter. It bears upon its face evidence that the girl was of unsound mind, and yet it is well phrased for a child of her age.

As to Lope's connection with the affair, there is a diversity of opinion. His general reputation is good, and many believe that he is guilty of nothing more than petting a foolish child that constantly sought his companionship. The fact that he left town upon being informed of the girl's departure, however, is against him. A brother reports having seen him in Portland last Saturday.

In spite of the letter signed by Mary Robinson, and which is undoubtedly in her handwriting, there is a belief among a number here that the girl is yet alive. The note and dress were found where the boys' lines are made fast when they tie up here, and the watchman who found them does not believe he could have overlooked them for two days. Mr. Morgus, a local merchant, states that he has made a line fast there since the girl was missed, and that he believes he would have seen the dress had it been there. The girl's father fully believes she has committed suicide. The authorities are having the river dragged in the hope of recovering the body, but are not hopeful, as the water is very deep and the current strong.

VERNONIA ITEMS

Hot and dry. Harvesting has already begun. Grain fairly well headed but straw short. Camp meeting commenced last Friday evening with Rev. Pinham and our pastor in attendance.

Measles, mumps and whooping cough are going the rounds of this valley. Some are quite sick but none serious.

Josh Seseman has accepted a position with J. E. Bailey, a Forest Grove merchant, and has moved his family to that place.

Mr. Ira Bradley and family and Arthur Caples and wife are basking in the sunshine of Upper Rock creek and feasting on pure air and spackled beauties with which Rock creek is noted.

Frank Tracy was a visitor at Forest Grove this week. Frank says Clatskanie is far ahead of Forest Grove as a market for the farmer.

Dame Rumor has it that one of the Vernonia Toughs is going to hitch up in double harness with a young lady from Washington county.

J. S. Mowe and son Lester returned Friday from Farmington, where they had been at work erecting a fine residence on the farm of A. D. Allen, an old resident of this vicinity.

Omar Shannahan, accompanied by his sister, Merle, left for the Grove Thursday. The former taking out a load of canned wild blackberries for parties in the Grove and Portland. The latter returns to her home in the Grove after an absence of four months.

Prof. J. W. Allen closed a successful two months term of school in Beaver district last Friday, and as pressing business affairs called him to his home at Monmouth, the directors secured a teacher in the person of E. D. North to finish the school term.

D. W. Keasey was a Portland visitor the week of the week. He reports dairy foods quite high. Although that he be the case, our dairy men think it is money well spent when invested in ground feeds.

Mr. Andrew Elliott, of Pittsburg, has ordered a carload through our merchant, D. W. Keasey.

Wm. Wood left the first of the week for Hillsboro with a load of shingles. Mr. Wood manufactures a fine grade of hand-made shingles and secures the top price.

Some of our Demo-Socialistic brethren resuscitated ex-President McKinley last Friday in their minds and displayed epigrams against that illustrious and honored man, saying, "had it not been for McKinley there would not have been any trusts and we would now have a market for beef cattle, etc." We say, brethren, you have surely forgotten.

"Two physicians had a long and stubborn fight with an abscess on my right lung," writes J. P. Hughes, of DuPont, Ga., "and gave me up. Everybody thought my time had come. As a last resort I tried Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. The benefit I received was striking and I was on my feet in a few days. Now I've entirely regained my health." It conquers all coughs, colds, and throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed by the St. Helens Pharmacy. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

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