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COUNTY FAIR.

The success of the Fourth of July Celebration and the apparent desirability of the location as a place for large meetings, has caused a number of people to ask the editor of the Mist to advocate holding a county fair in the latter part of October at what is known as Oasis Park, the site of the recent celebration. The Yankton fair was the pioneer and the magnificent showing made there by only a small section of Columbia County is a guarantee that a county fair would bring out an exhibition of products that would be a revelation to those unacquainted with the county. Pomona Grange, at its Beaver Valley meeting, on the first Saturday in August, should give this matter its careful consideration. The skating rink building, 40x100 feet, would make an excellent agricultural hall, while the baseball inclosure could be used for the cattle show and the amusement features necessary to attract a crowd. There has been a great deal of talk about a fair in this county, and there seems to be considerable demand for one, but no details have as yet been discussed and no definite action taken. It appears to be the general opinion that between St. Helens and Houlton would be the most desirable location, as it is convenient for both trains and boats, and the hotel facilities are possibly greater than elsewhere. All of these matters should be discussed at the August meeting of Pomona and if it is decided to hold a county fair this year the work should at once be put into competent hands and vigorously prosecuted. The editor of the Mist, having charge of Columbia County's exhibit at the State Fair, will see that all of that exhibit possible is shown at the county fair. All grangers interested in this matter should be sure to attend the Pomona meeting at Beaver Valley the first Saturday in August.

THE HOLE AND THE DOUGHNUT

The committee having in charge the recent glorious celebration of the Fourth of July knows more than it did when it took the job, and, doubtless, if it had it to do over again, would profit by its experience. We don't think there would be \$125 expended on a display of fireworks which was seen by very few people, and which caused the only serious accident of the day, nor do we think they would exultate greatly over the barbecue feature. However, they did their best and they did well, and are entitled to the thanks of the community for their work which was entirely unselfish and uncompensated. It is ungrateful to look a gift horse in the mouth, and it is certainly very raw to carp at a free celebration because greater prizes were not offered for certain features. No entrance fee was charged for any of the contests and no one was obliged to compete. We are very sorry for those who were not satisfied with the bread and meat served free. Next time we hope the committee will see to it that bills of fare are provided and each one orders what he wants. Also, Mr. Gerdes must have the lake cleaned out and free pleasure boats provided for all who come, and the skating rink, dancing and baseball must be absolutely free. That's the way they do somewhere and why shouldn't they do it at St. Helens? We are truly sorry for the croakers and growlers. We are afraid if they come next year they will be still less pleased and, as they do not improve with age, we suggest that they avoid suffering by staying at home. There were not many of them and they would not be missed. No matter where they go, or what their surroundings, they will still be unhappy. Ex-Gov. Geer tells a story typical of this class of people. Starting from home one morning he passed the gate of a neighbor who was hoeing in the garden. "Good morning, neighbor. How are you feeling to-day?" "Oh, Mr. Geer," said the old fellow, "I'm poorly, thank God." That's them. It hurts them to see people having a good time. Why they attend celebrations, when it might be cheaper to visit a graveyard, is a mystery.

But dismiss them, and think of the good fellows who were there—men, women and children—and who had a good time every minute of the day, of the old neighbors whom you had not met for many months, of the kindly feelings engendered, of the patriotism revived, and of the community interests stimulated, (we hope never to be less) in everything that pertains to your town, your county, your state, and, above all, your Nation. As Mr. Brownell aptly put it, such events are valuable for their suggestions.

VERNONIA

We have to add the names of John Chelldin and Cleve Mellinger to the list of Fourth of July home comers. We are always glad to have the boys spend their vacation here.

Rev. E. Maurer, the newly appointed pastor here, is now down with the small-pox himself, and his children are threatened with it, so that it may be some time yet before he comes to this field of labor.

F. E. Malmsen's baby boy has been quite sick the past week, and Franklin has been grumbling with a pet tooth.

R. Sessaman and wife, T. R. Throp, Margaret Spencer and Gladys and Anna Nickerson spent the 4th at Forest Grove. They took in the G. A. R. encampment and visited friends and relatives.

F. C. McGraw and wife, (nee Lillie McDonald) have purchased the Young ranch on Beaver Creek and will soon begin housekeeping there. We are glad to have them settle down in the valley.

Newt Parker and son Walter, and Robert Spencer, made the metropolis a visit last week, returning on Friday.

The Fourth was celebrated here on Saturday last. There was a good parade at 10 a. m., including floats representing Uncle Sam taking his boys on an excursion to view the country, followed by Aunt Columbia to see that they got into no mischief; one with the Goddess of Liberty, accompanied by her maids in waiting, all in white, and guarded by several "Merry Widows" of the male persuasion, and followed by several wagons and carriages beautifully decorated with Nehalem's natural products, fir and cedar boughs, flags, flowers, etc. The parade was a decided success. A short program was given at the camp ground, a picnic dinner enjoyed, after which a game of baseball was engaged in at the ball park, between the bachelors and the benedicts, the former carrying off the honors by a score of 31 to 16. Some of our people went to Mist on Monday to further celebrate.

Additional Local

Mr. John M. Sweeney, whose home is in Detroit, Michigan, but who is interested in fruit lands in Rogue River Valley, has been spending a few days looking over Columbia County's possibilities as a fruit-raising country and is acutely favorably impressed. He visited St. Helens Wednesday on his way to Portland and will return to investigate further.

A Business Snap—Want to sell a saw mill cheap or trade same for farm or timber land. Apply at once to Benignus Lumber Company, Houlton, Ore.

Marriage license have been granted since our last issue to Ingra Petronia Skogseth and Erla Martin Bigness; Phoebe L. Gifford and C. L. Peterson; certificates have been recorded for the marriage of Miss Lillie Jensen to Ernest Stanley Burr; Mattie J. Nowles to Fred Frantz, and Joseph Berglund to A. Elin Florin.

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Royal Ann Cherries—not the common, soft seedlings, but large firm handsome fruit. Have engaged a few hundred pounds to supply your wants. Will be ready early in July. Leave orders. M. C. GRAY.

Lyman and George Merrill, two of Columbia County's oldest pioneers, celebrated in St. Helens this year.

Dr. Ross and Albert Stone returned Wednesday morning from a visit to the Seattle exposition.

Mr. Milloy, of the Milloy Mercantile Co., of Scappoose, was in St. Helens Wednesday, attending the preliminary examination of the young men charged with robbing his store.

KIST.

Rex Dallas, the oldest son of Sam Dallas, of Gales City, visited at this place Sunday and Monday of this week.

J. L. Vanharicom and son Elgin, of Newberg, visited friends and relatives in the valley this week.

Rev. A. Weinert, of Portland, filled the appointments at Vernonia and Pleasant Hill school house on last Sunday. Mrs. Weinert accompanied him.

Tom Anderson has purchased a new light wagon; P. Bergerson and Philip Shoenley have new ladders. Verily the Nehalem people are prospering.

Sam Mow made a flying trip to St. Helens last week to look up those bridge specifications. There seems to be a hitch some where in the specifications and bids may be advertised for again.

That long looked for and much needed rain has come at last, and on this Tuesday morning we are enjoying a steady down-pour. Without it much of the grain would not have been tall enough to cut with a binder. The hay crop is short and a great deal of grain will be cut for hay.

Mrs. Ida Shannahan, after an extended visit among relatives in Portland and a trip to Seattle fair, returned home on Tuesday.

Mrs. Bertha Willman and her father, David Richards, came in on business and to do some work on the A. C. Bergerson place.

WEDDING BELLS.

A pretty home wedding was celebrated at the home of J. A. McDonald, near Vernonia, Wednesday, June 23rd, 1909, the happy couple being F. C. McGraw and Lily M. McDonald.

Promptly at high noon to the strains of the wedding march played by Gertrude Weed, the bridal party entered the room which was tastefully decorated. The bride was attended by four bridesmaids, Misses Amelia and Anna Richter, of Banks, Miss Erna Moulton, of Portland, and Miss Eve Mires, of Ellensburg, Wash. The groom was attended by the four brothers of the bride, Walter, Elody, George and Clyde McDonald.

The bride was beautifully gowned in white silk and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The groom wore the conventional black. After the ceremony and congratulations, a sumptuous dinner was served. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents.

Both the bride and groom have a host of friends in the valley who wish them all happiness and success in the new role of husband and wife. Among the sixty-five guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Moulton and family, of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Speight, of Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Rosecrorn, of Forest Grove, and Mrs. Mires and daughter, of Ellensburg, Wash.

THE CELEBRATION.

The people of St. Helens and Houlton have every reason to congratulate themselves upon the success of their first joint celebration of the Nations birthday. It was a success in every particular. Just how many people participated it is hard to say, but 2,000 is certainly a very conservative estimate, and we are willing to wager, as a basis for comparison, that more railroad tickets to St. Helens were sold on Monday last than were ever sold to any one point in the county on any other day, and as St. Helens and Houlton united are larger than Clatskanie and about the same population as Rainier, we therefore claim there were more people present by a large majority than ever attended a celebration in Columbia County.

They were good people and they had a good time and were hearty in their praise of the entertainment that had been provided them and are certain to come again next Fourth. They enjoyed themselves, according to their varied tastes from the soles of their feet to the crowns of their heads. For the intellect there was the musical and literary programme including the earnest invocation by Rev. Boyd, Mr. Dillard's scholarly and eloquent address of welcome and the masterly oration of Howard M. Brownell. For the mid-region of the anatomy there was the basket dinner and free barbecue, and for the pedal extremities the roller skating and the big dance in the evening.

There was horse racing, foot-racing, boxing, putting the shot, and best of all, the great ball game, to which 680 admissions were sold, and in which we defeated our friends from Rainier by the score of 4 to 2, amidst loud and continued applause.

The day set in dreary and drizzling, and it looked as if the elements were conspiring against us, but the rain did not dampen the ardor of the people and every train brought large delegations from Rainier, Goble, Deer Island, and Scappoose and Warren, while the farmers from the nearby hills and valleys came with their families on foot and in their wagons, and with heavy baskets of good things for the dinner table.

Of course the main event in the fore-

noon was the oration by Howard M. Brownell of Astoria. Mr. Brownell had an attentive and appreciative audience and he handled his subject with the skill of a master. His oration was short but during its delivery there was no manifestation of uneasiness and the charm of his word painting appealed to all his audience. There was a little too much "twisting the tail of the British lion," but that is expected on the Fourth and appears to give general satisfaction. It amuses us and don't hurt the lion, as he has become used to it. As a matter of fact we have never had a fight to a finish with Great Britain and it is sincerely to be hoped, for the sake of civilization, we never will have. Mr. Brownell's appeal to the boys and girls to do credit to themselves in the battle of life was especially good. Then came the dinner, including the free barbecue, and after the noon hour the general programme of sports, and in the evening the display of fireworks.

BASEBALL

The St. Helens ball team defeated the O. K's, of Portland, last Sunday by a score of 3 to 1. The visitors played a good game, but had the small end of the argument all the way through. DeNeffe was in the box for St. Helens and pitched a fine game, striking out sixteen men. The game was nearly errorless, and witnessed by a fair sized crowd.

On the fifth the locals at last got at the Rainier nine with a full team and trimmed the down river boys to the tune of 4 to 2. The day before the visitors had scooped the Astoria team 7 to 2 and did not doubt but that the St. Helens bunch would be easy. The home team started right by getting a score in the first inning, but the visitors came back at them in the third with two.

And that is the way it stood until the eighth, when, with two down, three of the locals crossed the plate. But one hit was secured off Brakke, and Hoover held the locals down to six. Attendance 700. Batteries Brakke and McDuffee; Hoover and Thurston.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I have been appointed by the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon, administrator of the estate of Samuel Johnson, deceased, and all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same to me, properly verified, at my residence near Fishhawk, Columbia County, Oregon, or in my office in the Court House in Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated St. Helens Oregon, June 18, 1909
 JOHN HELUND,
 Administrator of the Estate of Samuel Johnson, deceased.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Having purchased the interest of James Dart, of Dart & Muckle, we wish to announce to our friends and patrons that the business will be continued under the name of Jas. Muckle & Son. We solicit the patronage of the public, assuring them of courteous treatment and lowest prices, quality considered, Respectfully
 JAS. MUCKLE & SON.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order made and entered of record on the 21st day of June 1909 in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Yamhill County, in the matter of the Estate of Margaret J. Smith, deceased, I will as administrator and trustee sell at public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand on day said, the following described real property belonging to the said estate of Margaret J. Smith, deceased, at time of her death: Lots 11 and 12 in Block 36, 5th in the Block addition to the town of Vernonia, as surveyed and platted and recorded in the office of the County Clerk at St. Helens, County of Columbia, and State of Oregon. Given under my hand this 4th day of July 1909.
 J. H. BROWN,
 Administrator of Estate of Margaret J. Smith deceased.

DR. R. L. JEFFCOTT
 DENTIST
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ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special election held in the lower room of the Masonic hall building, in the City of St. Helens, on Monday, August 2nd., for the purpose of voting upon the adoption of an amendment to the City Charter. Polls will be opened at 2 o'clock p. m. and will be closed at 8 o'clock p. m.

By order of the City Council.
 JOHN Q. GAGE,
 Recorder.

BIDS WANTED.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Recorder of the City of St. Helens, up to 8 p. m., July 18th 1909, for the construction of an eight inch vitrified sewer on Columbia street, from a point 25 feet north of the south line of St. Helens street, to a point 25 feet south of the south line of Coe Street in the City of St. Helens, in accordance with plans and specifications on file in the office of the Columbia County Abstract and Trust Company, and the office of C. T. Prescott, Engineer.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

G. D. GILSON,
 Chairman of committee on streets, sidewalks and sewers.

AT A BARGAIN—Two lots in the East Side addition to Scappoose. Lots 50 x 100 feet each. About three blocks from postoffice. Inquire of J. E. Beeler, 81 Warren, Oregon.

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