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THE PUTURE FAIR.

This is the season of county fairs, but as yet there is not a big fair east of the Cascade range in Oregon. However, there is a field for one and the community that gets in first and spends some money on a legitimate, high grade fair for the semi-arid region is going to draw the exhibits and the people from all over the eastern half of the state. A fair is a necessity and it will survive. The Roundup and other novel attractions may rise and flourish for the time being but a straightforward fair and sufficient amount of good racing will be the event that will live. La Grande peo-

Arcade Thestre

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"The Backwoodsman's Susleion"-S. and A. Drama. A

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Song by Miss Stephenson-"Tonight Will Never Come

ple are seriously considering betting ernor is to tour central and southern a little money on such a proposition Oregon in company with Samuel Hill. and it is very likely after the present of Washington state roads fame. The fair shall have closed that a company so-called grangers and the farming will be formed to take over a piece of community of Eastern Oregon are land and improve it with good build- pritty well posted on Samuel Hill's ings and a good race track. It is ar- road methods as advocated by him and gued, and with good judgment, too, it will take several trips by the govthat a start made in this direction this ernor to convince them that they want fall will mean a permanent feature for any of it. The state of Washington next season and all of Union county's was compelled to call a halt, so great efforts will then be blended into one was the protest from the grang s and Buffy, single copy Se strong pull for the fair and exposi- taxpayers. Bally, per week, 15t tion. A camp ground will be provid- "Eastern Oregon is in favor of good ed and sufficient money will be col- roads and good roads legislation, but lected to give prizes that will bring any laws passed must place the selection. It will be a land show in a land expenditure of the funds in the hands country with plenty of races and of the county courts, subject to the sports to make it the best entertain- approval of the people of the county. ment in the state-the state fair not

The Elks of Portland have elected Harry McAllister to manage and arrange for the big 1912 convention, and no better selection could have been made. It is a job that just fits Harry and Harry fits the job. He will be the man to sandpaper all rough places ties to construct any amount of perand bring out the finished product

Harry is an oldtime traveling man. He used to sell K. C. baking powder, but that is not seriously hald against him. Later he sold groceries and other things and throughout his entire territory he held the personal payer's right. Should the I gislature friendship of not only customers but every livery stable boy and every bell top were his friends. A likeable chap with plenty of ability is the better way to describe this man the Elks have picked. But leave it to the Elks to always choose correctly. The national body selected Portland as a meeting place-an act of wisdom, and now the local Portland lodge selects McAllister as the man to do things. which is another indication of excellint judgment.

BARRETT ON SPECIAL SESSION

Our joing senator offers a few remarks that should interest Governor

"If the state finds itself at this time without needed laws whereby counties can build good roads, the people should place the blame where it belongs with Gow rnor West and his Portland advisers.

The last legislature passed several good roads laws well adapted to the; needs of the State. These laws as passed safeguarded the people's right! and put the matter in the hands of the county courts and the people that proper thing in Asia Minor now. The foot the bills

mistake and is now trying to get the queen set the present fashion in the 'people' to urge him to call a special session to pass such measures as he may instruct them to pass. For myself. I am not in the habit of asking others to think for me and refuse to the promises made to my constituents.

"Should the legislature m:et, the first work should be to consider the Charlie James' institution. Is it posgovernor's vetoes. Should the good sible that Oregon will be known over better for the people than those pro- certain-even unto the man who kills posed by the so-called governors his fellowman? committee.

"The press dispatches state the gov-

in every county in the irrigated sec- tion of the roads to be improved and

"We have no objection to a stat highway engineer (or commissioners) whose work shall be advisory to the HARRY McALLISTER. THE MAN. county authorities where state aid is

"The question of amount of state aid is dibatable. My personal views are that the counties should pay threefourths and the state one-fourth of the cost of permanant macadam roads.

"The only feasible way for the counmanent roads is through the county bonding act, such as the legislature passed at the last session with a small annual tax for state aid purposes. Although personally favoring some amendments, the laws as passed were good laws and safeguarded the taxpass any laws along the line advocated by the governor's committee, the referendum will be called, I am quite sure, as I think I know the f eling of the farming interests of Eastern Oregon and also have heard expressions along these lines from the grangers of the Willamett; valley.

"By all means, let us have the governor call a special session to act on his veto's, as the state needs many of the laws he v-toed, evidently for intended political effect."

DISPENSE WITH MOURNING.

"A southern physician of recognized skill and eminence urges that all outward symbols of mourning should be abandoned," says Munsey's Magazine editorially. "For many years he has expressed his views. He has won over a large number of people who see no beason why the heart should advertise its sorrow by the conspicuous insignia of gloom.

"There are, or have been, peoples wiser in their generation. The Romans of the days of the republic wore | blue as a sign of mourning. It is the Turk mourns in violet, and the Per-"The governor evidently sees his sian in pale brown, Until a French latter half of the 15th century, white was the color of grief in Europe, as it is now in China,"

The "trusty" prisoners at Salem be bound by any promises other than and the convicts placed upon their "honor" are making quite a list of runaways to be placed in the halls of roads laws vetoed be passed over the the country as the place where crimgovernor's veto, these laws are far inals have things easy and freedom is

COMIC OPERA COMING.

'Flower of the Ranch" Attracten a the Steward in a Few Days.

Presented by a company of some 40 people, "The Flower of the Ranch," Olny 25c at all druggists. eod & wkly a musical comedy, all the scenes of which have been laid in the rugged west, will be the attraction at the Steward October 3. The work enjoyed an extended run in New York two years ago, playing at two different theatres, a sufficient guarantee of its worth. Joseph E. Howard, whose music contributed so materially to the success of "The Prince of Tonight," "The Time, the Place and the Girl," "The Goddess of Liberty." "The Honeymoon Trail," and half a dozen plays of recent vogue, is the author of and composer of "The Flower of the Ranch," and it is declared to be his best work. Of the 20 musical num- them, Every bottle is guaranteed to bers, at least a dozen are participated satisfy. Only 50c at all druggists. in by the big chorus, and as Joseph E. Howard staged the production, it is to be presumed that the young women have much to do and of a decidedly diverting character. Howard knows how to get striking stage pictures, and his dancing numbers are a delight.

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