GRANGE HITS CONCESSIONS

Wallowa Grange Scores Carnivalistic Features at County Fair; Officers Nominated.

WALLOWA, (Special) — The Wallowa Grange met Saturday. The meeting was opened by receiving a committee from the Wallowa County Fair Board. The committee came to present the case of the Fair and to encourage a wider interest in the fair in a general way. Those representing the Fair board, were A. C. Miller, Mr. Daggett, Secretary and president of the Fair Association and Ira Pace also a member of the board. The discussion was opened by Mr. Miller, who told of the early history of the county fair, and of conditions and changes which have led up to the present one.

The main issue which had brought about the meeting, was the difference of opinion, between the granges, and the Fair Board regarding the allowing of concessions to operate on the grounds at Fair time. The Fair board have contended strongly for the concessions, giving as their reasons that they were a necessity, in order that the proper amount of life and excitement be given to draw the crowd, as well as being an advantage in a financial way, as considerable cash was paid in for space occupied by them. It is felt by the members of the fair board that the attendance is greatly increased because of the presence of these concessions, and that were they eliminated that many who now attend would not come.

The granges of the county have taken an entirely different view of the matter, and have for the past year opposed the practice of allowing such concessions, as merchandise wheels and other games of chance to operate and are strong in their contention that such are not necessary to make the Fair a success, in the belief of many grange members, that the attitude and practices of many who operate the concessions, have a very unwholesome effect upon the young, aside from being a means by which many children and others are parted from their money without receiving anything of real value from it.

Members speaking for the grange advanced the opinion that a much better, and more satisfactory fair could be had, by leaving concessions of all kinds off the grounds, and giving greater attention to a larger and more complete agricultural and livestock exhibit, and the adding of educational features where ever possible.

Many have expressed the opinion that the fair during the past few years has run to strongly to the "Round Up" and wild west show features, and that the question of greater agricultural and live stock interest in exhibiting has been neglected. From figures produced by Mr. Miller, it would seem that the gate receipts have been gratly increased by the addition to the sports program, in the bucking contests etc.

But along with this the expenses have increased correspondingly, practically the same as when the gate receipts were much smaller. Articles from a number of different magazines and papers were referred to, ending to show favor toward allowing concessions to operate at fairs, letters were read from secretaries of fairs in different sections of the country, telling of conditions where these features had been dispensed with, giving various opinions regarding the question. Those speaking for the grange were: T. G. Johnson, S. T. Baille, Rev. Geo. Feese, and Giles Plass.

While no definite conclusion was reached it was felt by all present that a better understanding between both sides had been gained from the meeting.

At the meeting of the Pomona Grange February 2, 1924 a committee will be named to confer with the Fair Board in the matter of working out a satisfactory settlement regarding the question.

The matter of receiving financial aid from the county court, for helping along with the fair seems very doubtful at this time, as the county court in their budget submitted to the Assessor last week does not contain the item of financial aid for the fair.

Nominations Made.

The matter of nominating candidates for the election of officers for the grange for the coming year was taken up at the close of the meeting, the following were nominated for the various places; for Master C. W. Mumford, T. G. Johnson, G. F. Reel; Overseer, J. B. Gastin, B. B. Oliver, and Sam Meek, Lecturer, S. T. Baille, John Couch, and Mrs. W. M. McKenzie, Steward, Mrs. S. T. Baille, Elmer Conner, and G. L. Martin. Assistant Steward: L. T. Powers, Elryn Reel, and S. E. Moore; Chaplain: Rev. G. H. Feese, Mrs. C. W. Mumford, Mrs. H. G. Masterson. Treasurer: W. M. McKenzie, M. E. Wealty, L. J. Willett. Secretary: G. C. Meek, D. M. Major, and I. B. Pace. Gate-Keeper: Glenn Sherod, Rees Hood, and Mrs. G. F. Reel. Ceres: Mrs. J. B. Plass, Reta Reel, and Mrs. J. B. Gastin, Pomona Mrs. H. G. Masterson, Mrs. O. Maxwell, and Mrs. Geo. Werst. Flora: Mrs. G. L. Martin, Mrs. M. E. Wealty, and Mrs. Glenn Sherod. Lady Assistant Steward: Mrs. H. W. Meek, Mrs. L. J. Willett, and Mrs. C. E. Fisher. Executive committee: S. T. Baille, J. B. Gastin, Rev. G. H. Feese, G. F. Reel, T. G. Johnson, Giles Plass and John Thompson. At the next meeting of the grange the first Saturday in January the officers will be elected from the above nominations. A change will be made in the place of meeting, the basement of the M. E. church has been secured for the balance of the winter. All members of the grange are requested to be present at the next meeting. A dinner will be served at noon by the ladies of the grange.

The basket social at the Hurricane Creek school house Friday evening is reported to have been a big success. A large crowd was present, and enjoyed a splendid program. Forty-four baskets were sold.

XMAS PROGRAM AT TELOCASET

TELOCASET, (Special) — The Telocaset school gave a very appropriate program Friday evening. It consisted of a welcome song by the school chorus; a play, "It's Christmas," directed by Miss Long; a song, "Silent Night," pantomimed by Anna Miller; recitation, "Christmas Stockings," Inez Wilson; song "Star of the East," by three Miller girls; song, "Christmas Carol," by school chorus; tableau, "Star of Bethlehem," by Iva Ward; drill "Christmas Bag," by six boys; song "Advice to Santa," by primary grades; folk dance, "Pudinstpoun," by six girls; song "Old Saint Nick," by Blazer twins; song "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," by school chorus; recitation, "Santa Claus," by Howard Caton, and a tableau, "Wise Men of the East," by four eighth grade pupils. The music was furnished by Miss Viva Blazer.

The school house was crowded as everyone turned out to enjoy the program and see Santa Claus who arrived on time at the close of the program. All the children received candy from the beautifully decorated tree, which was furnished by a community subscription. Much praise was given Mrs. Dora Caton and Miss Eva Long as well as the children for the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Long of Haines attended the Christmas program here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrison of Idaho, are visiting at the Miller home.

Misses Lillian and Viva Blazer were La Grande visitors this week.

Mrs. W. G. Robinson made a business trip to La Grande last week.

Miss Elma Stratton, who left for a visit to her old home in the east sent word home of her arrival.

Ed. Hollifield has moved his family to Telocaset so the children may be nearer school.

Miss Eva Long left Friday night to spend the holidays with her parents at Haines.

Baker visitors from Telocaset this week were Mrs. Gertrude Long, L. R. Hyatt and Mrs. W. G. Robinson.

The regular election of officers was held at the Grange Saturday, the following were elected: Worthy Master, G. V. Wilkinson; overseer, L. R. Hyatt; lecturer, Mrs. Geo. Ackley; steward, Mr. Church; assistant steward, Oscar Wilson; chaplain, Mrs. Anson; secretary, Mrs. Dora Caton; Ceres, Miss Virgil Wilkinson; Pomona, Miss Amelia Asper; Flora, Miss Laura Wilson; lady assistant steward, Miss Marjorie Hyatt and gatekeeper Lars Larson.

Telocaset Grange is growing fast, new members are being taken in and plans for a new hall are underway.

Miss Laura and Inez Wilson left Saturday evening for Troutdale to visit Mrs. Ura Mercer.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bouns, of La Grande, are visiting at the L. R. Hyatt home until after Christmas.

Mrs. Ackley of La Grande, came up to spend the holidays with her son, George Ackley.

Mrs. Anson's mother of La Grande, is visiting with the Anson family of Telocaset.

Santa Himself!

Secretary of Labor James J. Davis played Santa Claus at the Washington (D. C.) Foundlings Home, when he distributed toys to the tiny inmates. He had as much fun as they did, which was a lot.

Newspapers Fined By Court; Egg Prices Printed

BERLIN, (AP)—Market reporting is a dangerous calling in these days of high living costs in Berlin. Erich Dombrowski, the editor on the Berlin Tageblatt, who is held responsible by the courts for everything published in that paper, was charged recently with "attempting to raise prices artificially." The case presented against him was that the Tageblatt quoted eggs at 150 billion marks each, when the official price fixed by the government was 20 billion marks less.

Dombrowski testified that he and his representatives had tried to buy eggs at 130 billion marks, but that dealers would not sell them for less than 150 billion each. Consequently, in their opinion, that was the market price.

The court was inexorable. It held that since the government fixed the price of an egg at 120 billion marks that was the price, and the publication of a higher price was a crime against the government for which the editor was fined 20 billion marks.

Romance de Luxe Aim of Tourists in South Seas

SAN FRANCISCO (AP).—Romance de luxe is promised 150 tourists who will leave here on the steamship Haford on January 15, bound for the South Sea Islands, according to an announcement by the Alaska-Siberian Navigation company.

For 60 days the tourists will wander in and out of the Polynesian islands. Living in luxury aboard the ship, the more hardy among them will venture up rivers explored by few white persons and into tropical nooks bizarre to the Occidental mind.

The company says the cruise is in the nature of an experiment and may be repeated annually.

OREGON SOLON TO TAKE WIFE

Senator McNary to Wed Cornelia W. Morton, in Chicago Saturday.

WASHINGTON, (AP) —Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon will be married Saturday in Chicago to Miss Cornelia W. Morton who for the past three years has been associated with the Massachusetts League of Women Voters with headquarters at Boston. The wedding will take place at the home of Joseph H. Morton, a Chicago business man.

Miss Morton is a daughter of the late Major Morton, U. S. A., who for 30 years was aide to General Nelson A. Miles.

Senator McNary's first wife was killed in an automobile accident a few years ago.

FARMERS FINDING APPLIED SCIENCE VERY PROFITABLE

Oregon farmers who apply science to their practice often not only restore worn-out farms to good fertility but actually make as much profit on them while at it as their dads did while "mining them." A good seed bed has beat the state of the moonbeams as an index of planting time, and certified seed has that obtained from the wild goose craw skinned a mile.

A chance to learn many of the most important and recent findings of science in farming is afforded by the short course at the state college, most of them beginning Jan. 2.

Practical farm management is one, and it is closely linked with organization of the farm enterprises.

Judging and selecting breeding stock to build up the flocks and herds is another.

Selecting the seed, preparing seed bed and culture of the main and sideline crops is still a third. Allied to this is the selection of the right crops to grow, and the decrease or increase of present acreage in some of them.

Dairying and poultry production, orchard, grove and garden operations, and helpful farm accounting, are down for study and drill.

The college plant — livestock and dairy, poultry, fields, orchards, farm machinery, laboratories, class rooms, and staff specialists will be utilized as needed to give background and practical force to the instruction and facilities for drill and experience.

In comparison with the facts thus charmed the strength and time of moonbeams sink into insignificance.

Poor Yorick!

The cigar-store wooden Indian, so familiar to our parents, is back again—and right in New York City! On 42nd street, close to the White Light District, the above "Indian" smote the eyes of passers-by. And it collected a crowd, too.

WHETHER NEW OR BETTER LAND, IS NOW CONSIDERED

Whether Oregon should develop new lands or concentrate more on settling and making more prosperous the lands already developed will be one of the questions discussed in the land settlement and reclamation division of the state-wide agricultural economic conference at the college January 22 to 25.

Of Oregon's total area of 61,188,160 acres, only 4,812,851 acres or 8.2 per cent are improved. This includes all land regularly tilled or mowed, pasture that has been tilled or cleared, fallow, gardens, orchards, vineyards and nurseries, and land occupied by farm buildings.

This area can be doubled by drainage and irrigation, reports W. L. Powers, chief of soils. It is estimated that 1,225,000 acres are in the Willamette valley and its tributaries, 500,000 in coast, and lower Columbia river counties, and approximately 750,000 in the marsh and irrigated lands of central and eastern Oregon.

One million acres are now irrigated, one million acres are in feasible projects, and a half million are yet to be projected.

A special committee is arranging the details of the land settlement and reclamation section of the conference and is gathering data. It is composed of Whitney L. Boise, Portland, member of the state land settlement commission; James Kyle, Stanfield, president of the Oregon Irrigation congress; Senator Sam H. Brown, Gervais, president of the State Drainage association; W. D. B. Dodson, executive manager of the Portland chamber of commerce, and Rhea Luper, state engineer.

Possibly the grade crossing peril could be eliminated by providing folding wings for automobiles, so that with enough headway they would soar right over a railroad train.

A La Grande radio fan was arguing with another one.