

### MILLION DOLLAR EXHIBIT AT FAIR

Big Time Expected This Week in Portland—Many Colonists Coming.

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 20.—The Portland fair and livestock show is the big event of the week in this city. Bigger and better than ever, the annual event is attracting wide attention all over the northwest. The attendance is outdoing that of last year and the attractions offered are far ahead of last season.

The exhibition of livestock is valued at more than \$1,000,000 and is 25 per cent larger than last year. The state fair at Salem exhibits of livestock were brought to Portland, and numerous attractions have been added that will make the week's show a notable one. Stock entries have been made from the central and eastern states that have never been shown west of Chicago and Denver. Nearly 500 harness horses will contend for the \$25,000 in race purses this week. Livestock entries will bring close to 3000 head of horses, cattle, sheep, swine and goats here.

Railroads serving this territory are preparing estimates of travel during the colonist period, September 15 to October 15. They expect no less than 60,000 new settlers for the Pacific northwest during the 30 days the low one-way rate are in effect. Extra equipment is being assembled by the various lines to handle the heavy traffic expected and the passenger agents believe they will have all they can do to care for the flood of newcomers.

Inquiry at eastern ticket offices is reported to be wide and the west-bound trains bearing the vanguard of this great colonist movement are heavily loaded. During this week the travel is expected to be at its height and will undoubtedly be heavy.

**To Deepen Channel.**  
Coos Bay is going to deepen its own harbor channel without waiting for government aid. The port of Coos Bay is preparing for the sale of bonds amounting to \$500,000. The proceeds will be used in digging out the channel, making the docks at the Coos Bay ports accessible at all times for vessels of deep draught. Proposals for the bonds have been asked and will be received at the First National bank, North Bend, up to November 9.

Portland's Union stockyards in the peninsula packing house district were opened during the past week and now this city, which is to be the livestock center of the northwest, offers the most modern and complete stockyards in the country. Hundreds of

business men of the city attended the opening, and all were forced to admire the perfect arrangements for handling livestock that have been provided. The big union yards will have a strong influence in developing the livestock industry throughout this territory.

According to the records of the government forestry service and the state board of forestry, Oregon has been remarkably fortunate this summer in escaping the usual heavy toll taken by forest fires. The season has been marked by less destruction of timber than any in the past decade. Fires this year have been few and widely separated, while losses have been small. This is thought to be partly due to an aroused public interest in preventing forest fires and a largely increased force of fire wardens throughout the forests this season.

#### NOTICE

Is hereby given that the undersigned will apply at the next meeting of the city council of Medford, Oregon, October 5th, for license to sell malt, vinous and spiritous liquors in less quantities than one gallon at lot 10, block 20, in Medford, Oregon, for a period of six months.

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Dated September 15, 1909.

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#### "Knight for a Day."

There are lots of good things in "A Knight for a Day," which comes to the Medford theater on Thursday, September 23, direct from Chicago, where it has had a full year's successful run, and is now to be seen in a few of the largest cities. And the verdict, after the jokes have been heard, all the dances done two or three times—for they are extremely fetching in their way—and all the choruses have been sung with the accompaniment of twirling lights and flashing skirts, will likely be that the new piece will hold its own with any other musical comedy, and in many respects do a little better. The organization of 50 people comprises many comedians, singers and actresses from the comic opera stage. Occasionally the "plot" concerning two Corsican lovelocks and a fortune in stage money, and a missing heir or two, and a forged will and various other complications, becomes lost or sidetracked in the swirl of choruses and dances. Edward Hume, a clever comedian is the real hilarious main-spring of the piece, and with Grace Demar, a comic maid given to chatter and elopements, create more than enough fun for everybody. They have some outrageously amusing bits. The burlesque by Edward Hume and Grace Demar of the "Merry Widow" waltz always calls for many encores. The large company is a capable one and the music by Mr. Raymond Hubbell is entirely new and original, has many good jingles and pretty songs, also choruses that call

for exceptionally capable talent to do full justice to. The "Eight English Dancing Madcaps" are a feature to their heads, and every try to do that. A big effect is made at the close of the piece by an electric display that makes the entire stage seem aglow with fire of all colors and hues. London was recently stirred over this device and now patrons of "A Knight for a Day" will find it equally beautiful. The sale of seats will begin Tuesday morning at Haskins'.

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