

ALASKAN-YUKON-PACIFIC EXPOSITION

Seattle, Jan. 29: Oregon was the first state to complete its building and the first to install exhibits at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. Five months in advance of the opening of the exposition Oregon had two cars of choice apples and a car of forest products stored in its building and the entire exhibit will be installed two months before the gates of the exposition are opened.

The Oregon building is a handsome structure and occupies one of the best locations on the exposition grounds. It is just off the central court and overlooks Lake Washington. The building was completed in November and since that time the Oregon commission has been engaged in the assembling of the state exhibit.

By the early completion of its building Oregon has received a large share of the advertising during the pre-exposition period. In the past three months more than 50,000 persons have paid admission to the exposition grounds.

The California state building was completed several weeks ago and the Washington building is nearly finished and will be ready to turn over to the exposition within the next thirty days.

Every building for the 1909 fair will be completed by May 1, leaving thirty days in which to clear the grounds of debris and complete the placing of such exhibits as have not been installed up to that time.

Work was started on the United States government group of buildings at the head of the central court, the first week in January and the foundation of the four structures is completed. All of the government buildings will be turned over to the exposition by the contractors not later than April 20. By that time the government exhibit will be stored in Seattle and as soon as the buildings are finished the exhibits will be installed.

The government of Canada and the state of New York are both preparing to begin immediate construction of buildings and the contracts for both of these structures will call for completion not later than April 20.

With the beginning of 1909 the construction of buildings and grounds was more than 90 per cent complete and everything will be ready on the day the fair opens. The completed buildings are auditorium, fine arts, machinery, manufactures, agricultures, mines, fisheries, Oregon, California and hospital. The forestry, Washington state and Arctic Brotherhood buildings will all be completed early in February.

When the work on the grounds is completed there will be eleven miles of asphalt-paved streets and drive-ways. Of this about seven miles has already been completed as fast as a section of the grounds is closed to heavy teaming the streets are paved.

Already acres of green lawns and flower gardens have been laid out and the main entrance to the grounds, which will be decorated with totem poles, is being laid out. A number of the buildings on the Pay Streak, as the amusement center is known, have been completed.


One of the big features of the exposition, in which Oregon will have a prominent part, is the live stock show, which will be held during the last week of September and the first week in October. The Oregon commission was largely responsible for the selection of this date, which was named in order that the exhibitors at the live stock shows to be held in Oregon next year can participate at the exposition.

Our Portland Correspondent

(Special Correspondence.)

One of the largest excursions that will visit the Pacific Northwest this summer will be under the auspices of the Board of Trade of Worcester, Massachusetts. Several days will be devoted to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition and visiting Portland and other cities of Oregon and Washington. Their own glee club has been organized among the excursionists, and the itinerary mapped out covers more than six thousand miles of travel.

At their Portland meeting last week, the Oregon State Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association extended its scope to include Washington, Idaho and Montana. More than two hundred delegates were in at-



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tenance, but future conventions will be even larger with four states represented. Good Roads advocates especially appreciated the passing of a resolution favoring heartily the Good Roads legislation proposed in Oregon. "I simply had to stop telling my friends where I was going," said a man from Kansas City recently, "for when I spoke of the Pacific Northwest everybody was so interested and wanted so much information that I wouldn't have any time left for my own business had I undertaken to get it for them. You have no idea how many people are looking in this direction."

Various commercial bodies of Oregon and Washington are planning to get out leaflets to be used as a letter enclosure, emphasizing the wonderfully low colonist rates from the East—they are awaiting announcement of Atlantic Coast and other points not yet decided by the Passenger Association of the trans-continental roads. The \$25.00 fare from Missouri River points. \$30.50 from St. Louis, and \$33.00 from Chicago is the lowest named for three years.

While the general Rivers and Harbors Bill will not be passed by Congress, the Government will not let construction work now under way be sacrificed for want of a small appropriation. An emergency bill providing for absolutely necessary work will include the water ways of the Pacific Coast.

John Skinum Binks

(By Clarence E. Eddy.)

John Skinum Binks was a dandy and he got to 'em every time, The way he raked in the money was poetry even in rhyme; Binksie engaged in promoting, 'mines' was the line he was in, Assays were German to Skinum; he essayed to get the "tin."

He was a peddler of good things; what he said was, "They couldn't lose" 'Twas just like robbing a baby or selling a boozier booze. When he launched a "mine" on the market the gudgeons jumped at the bait; Binks' mines were never developed but their prospects were always 'great.'

Ten thousand he'd pay for an option on a period of ninety days And one hundred thousand "for payment" when the public had greased the ways. Binks would get up a comp'ny and put out a million shares, Par would be fixed at a dollar, to tempt the bulls and the bears,

The claim (the "mine," beg pardon) would be advertised as a "peach," He'd let you in at fifty, just to bring it within your reach, Wise ones would start a furor, it was hurry or you'd be late;

Binks' mines were never developed, but their prospects are always "g.e.at" Well the public, the dear old public, you can always depend upon, It insists on spending its money until its money is gone. Only one claim in ten thousand ever produces a mine. If it's facts that you want on investments, take note of this notable line,

And a mine costs a mine to develop, just gaze at the thousands of holes Where they searched for gold and for silver, and succeeded in dropping their "rolls."

But now to return to Skinum, the rest of the case to state, Binks' mines were never developed, but their prospects were always "great."

Did he sell of his shares a million, then how would his clients stand? Three hundred and ninety thousand would be his profit in hand; Two million shares remaining, the price and the option "paid,"

Who then would have the advantage? Skinum, it seems, "a shade." If you were engaged in business, now would you tackle this game? The mine is still to be proven; the gamble is just the same. Is it likely that you'll sell at a profit? How long are you able to wait?

Binks' mines are never developed, but their prospects are always "great."

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