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SHALL COUNTY FAIR DIE?

Shall the Lane county fair be discontinued, or shall it be made a permanent institution, is the question to come up for decision at the meeting of the fair association, to be held November 5.

County Agent Whitney, in a public statement, says that the failure financially of the fair this year was due to lack of attendance. He says that the agricultural population and the people of Eugene should have attended in greater numbers. He is rather severe in his criticism.

Only a short time ago The Sentinel criticized the method used this year in promoting attendance. It has no desire, however, to gloat over the failure, whether or not due to the circumstances which we related.

Under no circumstances should the Lane county fair be permitted to cease to function. Possibly less attention might be paid to horse racing and more given to agricultural exhibits, or possibly better horse racing of something else is necessary to get the crowd, but the fact remains that a great agricultural county like Lane, one which encourages others to come to it to engage in agricultural pursuits, one which is making great progress in production, can not afford to do away with the annual county fair.

There must be a way to make the fair successful and every community, Eugene included, should forget all petty personal feelings and join in making a huge success of an institution which belongs to the entire county.

RAILWAY WAGES.

The railway strike, if it takes place, will come at a most inopportune time both for the country and for the railway employees. It will be a most unpopular strike and largely without popular sympathy. The government board which has given advances in the past now orders a reduction of wages and the people expect the men to abide by the decision of the board just as the people have abided by the decisions of the board in the past when rises were ordered.

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maintained in the past, that prices and wages are going to come down, that they have got to come down, that a normal basis must be found for both and that adjustments must start from that point. There will be great need for adjustments, for the wage earner always gets the worst of it on a falling market, just as he usually gets the best of it during a labor shortage, and we have little doubt that at such a time public sympathy will be with the wage earner.

But, although the strike has been called at a most inopportune time, although the psychology seems such that such a strike is certain to fail, yet there should be a full understanding of the situation.

The statement has been made, and made frequently, to the effect that the railway workers got an advance of 21 per cent in wages last year and are now asked to take a cut of only 12 per cent. This statement is literally true, but is misleading because of the inference that the cut is much smaller than the rise, which inference is not true.

For example, if a man were earning 80 cents an hour and should get a rise of 21 per cent, his wage would be increased to 97 cents. Then if he were given a 12 per cent cut, his wage would be reduced to 85 cents, much nearer to the first wage than it sounds.

Let us be fair to both sides.

DEVELOPING BRAIN AND BRAINS.

The success this season of the Cottage Grove high school football team has been the subject of considerable comment abroad, as well as at home. The success of the team is in keeping with the past success of Cottage Grove in any activity requiring physical prowess.

The baseball team has made an enviable reputation for the city. Cottage Grove for years held all honors in all militia contests and this is not the first time that the high school athletes have achieved fame.

A citizen of the city, who has noted the success of the men and boys of Cottage Grove in competition with other cities having far greater opportunities for the selection of those to represent them in athletic contests, has a theory to explain this success.

When the football team from here defeats like organizations from Roseburg, which has an entire county to draw from, and like Corvallis, which also has an entire county to draw from and has the additional advantage of many college trained athletes for coaches, he believes there must be some outstanding reason for such unusual success, and he thinks brains and brawn have more to do with it than luck.

His theory is that the Cottage Grove men and lads have developed both brain and brawn through the necessity of depending from early life to a large extent upon their own resources. Life in the woods and logging camps and on the farms, in the opinion of this citizen, develops in the ambitious young man a nimbleness of brain to direct the muscles that necessarily become hardened and toughened by the course of employment.

There seems no better explanation. The person who is satisfied with himself isn't a very severe critic.

HALLOWE'EN.

The approach of Hallowe'en again reminds us that the modern conception of this relic of pagan times lends itself frequently to an interpretation of "supernatural influences" that fails of popular approval. Jack-o-lanterns, black cats and witch costumes may bring eerie shivers of fascinated delight to little ones, but the wanton destruction of property is one of the more modern tendencies which has nothing whatever to commend it. Older youngsters who are tempted to translate a superstitious festival into terms of license to disobey the law should not feel abused if their efforts in this direction are rewarded by a liberal application of the family slipper.

WOMEN'S QUESTIONS.

The National League of Women Voters is starting out to find why men don't go to the polls. It is going to canvass representative precincts in



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If you didn't, was it because—

You aren't a naturalized citizen?

You haven't lived here long enough?

You weren't able because of illness or absence?

You believed "it didn't matter who was elected"?

You feared to be absent from your business or work?

You wanted to escape pressure from your employer, associates?

You objected to your party's own candidate and didn't want to vote for the other party on principle?

Or, were you generally indifferent?

The guilty male citizen will find these just as embarrassing to answer as women's questions usually are.

IRVINE FOR GOVERNOR.

Petitions are being circulated to put on the democratic primary ballot the name of B. F. Irvine for governor. Not being an independent newspaper, we do not propose to take any part in the democratic primaries, but if there is a democrat that we would like to say a good word for, that one is B. F. Irvine. Much as we dislike to admit it, the republicans have not yet mentioned a candidate who would have anything like a walkaway with Frank Irvine as an opponent, nor any with any greater qualifications for the job.

Frank is really to sensible a man, too agreeable a fellow to be a democrat. We will not support him for governor but we would support him as governor.

Back to Town Crier

How many residents of any small community have ever considered what might happen if there were no newspapers? Just previous to "Subscribe for Your Home Town Paper Week," which is to be observed the country over November 7-12, is a good time to recall the plight of Macon, Mo., not long ago, when fire put the Chronicle-Herald out of business for two weeks.

According to The Publishers' Auxiliary, the old town crier, relic of many years back, was yanked from his hiding place, dusted off, and put back on his job, with a jangling bell, a megaphone, and a fog-horn voice only a little worse for long disuse.

It may have been a novelty for two weeks. But think of a community without printers' ink, compelled to get its announcements of auctions, sales, court sessions, births, marriages, deaths, epidemics of sickness, dog ordinances, board meetings, commencements, tax notices, advertisements of help and situations wanted, accidents, and the rest, through a shouted word like that of the ordinary train announcer in a city depot. The town crier was a romantic figure in his day, but few towns would like to return to his ministrations now.

When one thinks of the temporary plight of Macon, and that it might become the permanent handicap of many towns, it is well to think of supporting the local paper.

He Knows His Folks

Here are some random observations of a man who has visited most of the small communities of the state. If you read your local paper you will not miss much that is happening around home. There is no use saying that you wish your town had a paper like one in the other town, for the other fellow there is saying the same thing. The man who reads his local paper thoroughly is usually a pretty good citizen and has it all over the fellow who does not. Local papers, when all is said and done, do more to uphold the institutions of this state and country than any other known contributing force in the world's work.

To take away mildew from the covers of morocco and roan leathers, obtain a little ordinary vaseline and rub well into the leather with a piece of soft rag; then leave for a time and afterward rub lightly over again with a fresh soft rag.



First Presbyterian Church

A. R. Spearow,
Pastor

Sunday, October 30

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Morning, at 11: The service will be devoted to a consideration of the sacredness of law enforcement. All officers of the city are especially invited to attend.

Evening, at 7:30: Dr. Conklin, of the department of psychology of the University of Oregon, will speak on the interesting subject, "The Trail of the Modern Ghost Hunter." This is a rare opportunity. Don't miss it.

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Mickie



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(Tune—A Fine Old English Gentleman.)
These magazines with gravure and all these works of art,
Are very well for city folks who live by dint of mart;

But give me first and foremost, I hold it is the prime—

That fine old home town paper—one of the good old time.

The printin' isn't perfect, the ink's not uniform,

The type is set by hand perhaps,—considerably overworn,

The dear old press—I know it well—It's covered o'er with grime—

But it prints that old home paper—one of the good old time.

I look for it each week as regularly it comes,

And when the postman brings it in, I drop all other chums,

I drink it in, from start to fin, ridiculous and sublime,

That fine old home town paper, one of the good old time.

Smith's cat may have some kittens;

Jones is putting in new pumps,

My girl chum has got married and the kids have got the mumps.

Jack Wiltsey's built a lean-to, Johnson's roses upward climb

OH! I love the old home paper, boys, one of the good old time.

—GEO. E. WRAY.

A stove wiped off with vinegar and then polished will be brighter and keep clean longer than if blacking is applied directly to the dirty iron.

The gas oven should stand open a few minutes after being used.

WATCH YOUR LABEL.

Tested Recipes

Cheese, Rice and Tomatoe.

One cupful of cooked rice, one teaspoonful of salt, one cheese, one-half medium sized green pepper, one-quarter medium sized onion, three medium sized tomatoes. Cook the tomatoes, onion and green pepper for 20 minutes. Add the cooked rice and seasoning, then the cheese. When melted pour over heated crackers or toast.

Eggplant Surprise.

Select a fresh and firm eggplant and slice in half inch slices. Place in salted water for half an hour, then put on to boil in the same water. When it begins to boil cook for five

to eight minutes, then drain and cool slightly. Lay the slices on a buttered baking tin, dust them with pepper and salt, dot with butter, and lay a thick slice of fresh tomato on top of each one. Add a little sugar and a few fine crumbs. Put a piece of lemon on top of each slice and bake a delicate brown.

Almond Balls with Soup.

Blanch and chop fine 24 large almonds. Add a small cup of bread crumbs, a little salt and pepper, and the whites of two eggs. Mould the mixture into small balls, and fry them in butter or oil until a delicate brown, then serve with the soup.

A wanted costs little and usually gets you what you want.

Fourth Annual November Subscription Special

SAVE FIFTY CENTS

Following the plan adopted three years ago, The Sentinel will this year give its fourth annual special November subscription offer. The price of The Sentinel is \$2.25 the year. Until November 30 we will accept subscriptions paid in advance for a full year or more at \$1.75.

No subscription accepted at this special November rate except full payment to November of next year.

In case your subscription is in arrears, you must pay arrears in full and then add \$1.75 for the year in advance. Figure arrears at 19c for each month in arrears and then add \$1.75.

If you are paid in advance, multiply 19c by the number of months it will take to carry your subscription to November of next year, deduct 50c therefrom and the remainder will pay you to next November.

If your subscription expires during November of this year, remit \$1.75.

You will see by these explanations that you get a saving of 50c whether your subscription is in arrears, paid to date or paid in advance.

EXAMPLES

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If your subscription expires in October, 1921, 19c will pay you to November; add \$1.75 (total \$1.94) and you will be paid to November, 1922.

If you are paid to December, 1921, it takes 11 months to pay your subscription to the next November. Eleven times 19c is \$2.09; deduct the saving of 50c, remit \$1.59, and you will be paid to November, 1922.

If you are paid to January, 1922, it takes 10 months to pay you to the next November. Ten times 19c is \$1.90; deduct the saving of 50c, remit \$1.40, and you will be paid to November, 1922.

If your subscription expires in November, 1921, \$1.75 will pay you to November, 1922.

Those whose subscriptions fell due during the latter part of September and during October, and who paid the full subscription price, will find that they have been given credit for 13½ months. Such persons are asked to examine the date on their labels to make certain that such credit has been given. The Sentinel aims to see that every subscriber gets a fair deal on this November special. Particularly do we look after the interests of our old friends who have been paying promptly for years.

The idea is to have all subscriptions expire in November, thus saving The Sentinel considerable expense in bookkeeping, which saving we wish to give to our subscribers.

REMEMBER THAT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OFFER YOU MUST DO SO BEFORE NOVEMBER 30.

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