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MALHEUR COUNTY EXHIBITS FOR WORLD'S EXPOSITION

Biggest Opportunity Ever Offered to Exploit County's Resources.

WILL ATTRACT MANY SETTLERS

Every Industry, Product and Resource Will Be Placed Before the Public.

Jas. A. Lackey and a force of men are busy packing up the corn, fruit, grains, etc., that are to be exhibited at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. All parts of Oregon will be fully advertised and moving pictures of all our industries and resources will be displayed. Eastern Oregon has been allotted 10 by 50 feet, one-fourth of the exhibit space in the Oregon building.

Malheur county will send a large and splendid exhibit of corn, also fruit, grasses and potatoes and fresh fruits and vegetables will be sent from time to time.

The material now ready will be shipped this week as the fair opens February 20th, and will continue ten months. The county court has appropriated \$1500 to cover the cost of exhibiting and will appoint a man well versed in the resources of the county to take charge of the exhibit.

This is the greatest opportunity Malheur county has had to advertise itself and deserves the co-operative effort of every citizen. This county electrified every one at the state fair at Salem by its corn exhibit and carried off many prizes in the Walla Walla fair. This kind of advertising is valuable.

When the people of all parts of the world visit the magnificent Oregon building, built of Oregon lumber and filled with Oregon products and demonstrated by Oregon people they cannot help but be impressed with the splendid opportunities this state offers.

And when they look over the different sections of the state and note the varied industries, resources and products of Malheur county with its splendid cattle, horses, sheep, hogs and poultry, its alfalfa, clover, wheat, oats, and CORN, its apple, prunes, peaches, pears, and other fruits, its vegetables, its mines, its oil wells and other resources and last of all when they note that this county is still just in the beginning of its development the value of its publicity is immeasurable.

BEEKEEPERS FORM NEW ASSOCIATION

The beekeepers of Eastern Oregon and the Southwestern part of Idaho met in Ontario Tuesday, December 29, for the purpose of forming an association, which should aid them in their industry. The association, called the Idaho Oregon Honey Producers' Association, was formed and incorporated under the laws of Idaho, with headquarters at Parma. The officers elected were C. E. Dibble, Payette, president; Mr. Stark, Middleton, vice-president; J. H. Farrell, New Plymouth, secretary-treasurer; and the directors, Ben Paine, Parma; Charles Nelson, Vale; William McKibben, Arcadia; William Pennington, Arcadia, and A. S. McClanahan, Payette.

The day was occupied mostly in forming the new association and adopting constitution and by-laws. They will hold another meeting about January 4. About fifty people attended. The purpose of the new association is similar to the Fruitgrowers' association. They will buy their supplies in carload lots at wholesale prices and distribute them

RABIES EXISTS AMONG COYOTES

Dr. Prinzing Sends Head to State Health Officer for Verification.

Conclusive evidence that rabies really exists among coyotes throughout this section of the state has been shown this week, when Dr. Prinzing sent the head of a dog, supposed to have rabies, to the State Health Officer for examination. Examination revealed the fact that rabies actually existed. This dog was killed near Fopian Station, sixteen miles from Westfall on the Burns road, and the head was sent to Portland December 21st. The following letter was received in reply:

Portland, December 23, 1914.
Dr. Jacob Prinzing,
Ontario, Oregon.

Dear Doctor: The examination of the dog's head received this morning shows the presence of Negri bodies proving conclusively that the dog had rabies. It would be well for the farmer, at the end of two weeks, to tie up all the dogs and keep under surveillance for some time, or unless very valuable destroy them.

I do not understand from your letter whether the men that have been bitten have taken the Pasteur treatment or simply allowed the matter to go uncared for. If the latter, I would be much interested in watching the outcome. We must always bear in mind that probably not more than one third of the people bitten by rabid animals develop the disease.

Yours very truly,
CALVIN S. WHITE,
State Health Officer.

Dr. Prinzing also gives a valuable suggestion as to disposing of bodies of animals affected by rabies. He says, "We cannot be too careful in this matter as reports come in every day of new victims. Just this week we received a report of two sheep herders and also a man named Hart living at Westfall, the latter being bitten by a mad cat.

"Leaving the carcasses of animals dead of rabies lying in the field exposes all coyotes that eat thereof to rabies. It would seem that if these carcasses were used as bait and poisoned, many coyotes would be killed before they had time to develop the disease. Skinning animals dead of rabies exposes the man to rabies should he have a scratch on his hand."

SIMONS TO BOISE FOR INAUGURATION

W. Simons of Boise, general manager of all the Alexander stores and a brother of Ad M. Simons, manager of the Alexander store here, was in town Wednesday, on a business trip. He brought the information of his brother's appointment on the reception committee to entertain the new legislators at the inauguration of the new governor, M. Alexander, next Monday.

through the various parts of the district. The honey produced will be fully inspected and all honey marketed will have its weight or measure stamped on it according to the pure food laws. In this way a complete record of the honey is kept. With these methods the association should succeed in marketing the honey in the most expeditious manner and at advanced prices.

STORK VERSUS SANTA CLAUS

Famous Bird Proves Himself A Dangerous Rival Of Saint Nick.

The stork has just showed himself to be a cold weather sport, and at the same time a dangerous rival to Santa Claus. At least that is what Mr. and Mrs. Frank Everhart, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Atherton and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brady think. To the first couple he presented a boy, Xmas eve; to the second couple a girl, Xmas eve, and to the third couple he presented a girl on Xmas day.

Other near-Xmas presents were a boy to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Walker, December 21st, and a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roderiez, December 26th.

OLSON ENTERS IN NEW YEARS RACE

L. G. Olson left here Dec. 23, for Portland to enter the second annual New Years run which takes place there under the auspices of the Portland Motorcycle Club.

This race will be an endurance test over a course of 375 miles. It will start at Pine and Broadway Streets and at 12 o'clock midnight, Dec. 31, at the beginning of the New Year. It is expected that the first rider will finish at about 3 p. m., covering the course in about fifteen hours, making an average of 25 miles per hour.

About fifty entries will line up at the start and the best riders of the coast will participate. The prizes are \$100 for first, \$50 for second and the business people of Portland have put up prizes for some of the other places.

L. G. Olson, who won first place in the LaGrande-Baker road race in 1914 and second in 1913 over a course of 115 miles, has been in Portland a week trying the course and getting accustomed to the wet roads. Olson's record over the LaGrande-Baker course was two hours, forty nine minutes and forty eight seconds or 46 miles per hour. He should stand a very good chance of placing in the first division and his friends here will be glad to hear of his success.

HOW LOCAL MEN PRODUCED RECORD YIELDS OF CORN

Series of Interviews to Run in The Argus for Nine Weeks.—Starts With This Issue.—

How Harvey R. Hatch Raised 102 Bushels of Corn to the Acre.

It is the purpose of the Argus to publish each week a report from each of the nine most successful corn raisers of the county. This report will contain as far as possible each man's experience and methods in raising the acre of corn for the contest last fall. In this way we hope to further the movement, which was started by the granges.

This county was divided up into three districts, that of Cairo, Nyssa and Big Bend. All of the nine men herein mentioned lived in the Big Bend and Nyssa districts and are the only men in the contest that raised over 100 bushels to the acre. Cairo district being harder hit by the June frost could not reach the 100 mark but had lots of good corn, the highest yield being 94 bushels.

ONTARIO A GOOD MARKET FOR TURKEYS

Raising And Marketing Of Birds Is A Growing Industry

The raising and marketing of turkeys is a growing industry throughout this district and Ontario is a favorite market, some of the turkeys coming from as far as New Plymouth. While the price of turkeys this year has generally been low, yet the average price paid for turkeys has been rather good since most of them were marketed when the price was highest. The early Thanksgiving products sold at 16 cents, but since then the price has ranged around 12 and 13 cents. The average price paid was approximately 14 1/2 cents.

About 2,500 birds were marketed from Ontario. They were extra heavy, averaging about 13 lbs., and were of excellent quality, which speaks well for this locality. C. T. Hall, G. W. Thompson and Mr. Dickson were some of the successful turkey raisers from the Idaho side. As one Ontario citizen remarked, raising turkeys is a paying business here for a flock of turkeys would have saved many ranchers several hundred dollars from the ravages of grasshoppers during the past year.

ICE CROP THE BEST IN YEARS

For the past week several forces of men have been at work harvesting the ice crop. Geo. W. Routh has a force of men taking ice from the Snake river at Ed Long's place and also took some ice from the Malheur. He will harvest over five hundred tons this year and states that the ice is 12 inches thick and of the finest quality ever taken here, having the appearance of the artificial ice. J. F. Doty intends storing up something over 150 tons and several ranchers are getting ready to lay in a supply. It seems to us that an ice house on each farm or a community ice house in every neighborhood would be an excellent proposition.

FIFTY REPRESENT MALHEUR COUNTY

ANOTHER BOOST FOR LOCAL PROJECT

Department Will Not Take Up Tumalo Project.— Consider New One.

A letter written by Controller W. A. Ryan of the Interior Department to the Manager of the Bend Commercial Club, recently made public, has considerable bearing on government reclamation service in Oregon, and sheds a new light upon the disposition of the \$450,000 appropriation for reclamation work in Oregon, now before congress. It has been supposed that the Tumalo project had first consideration by the government, but this letter plainly sets out that Secretary Lane does not intend to take up the Tumalo project, and that the money will be expended on some other project.

The first unit of the Tumalo project has been completed by the state at an expense of \$450,000. The work was completed by the state without co-operation of any kind by the government, and from the following letter it appears that the government does not intend to give any consideration to the Tumalo project.

This letter is taken as another incident substantiating the claim of local people that the Malheur-Warm Springs project has first consideration when the time comes to decide upon a place for the government work. This project is claimed to be the least expensive of any now proposed. There is a natural reservoir site which can be secured at a low cost, and approximately sixty thousand acres of land could be irrigated therefrom. The letter in question follows:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12, 1914.— Mr. H. H. De Armond, Manager, Bend Commercial Club, Bend, Or.—Dear Mr. De Armond: Your letter of December 3, addressed to Secretary Lane, has been referred to the undersigned for consideration and response.

It is to be regretted if a misunderstanding has arisen in your mind in respect to the allotment of \$450,000 out of the reclamation fund for co-operative work in Central Oregon. Secretary Lane is, and has always been, in thorough sympathy with the movement for co-operation in the reclamation of Central Oregon lands.

The trouble has arisen from the fact that you have misunderstood the terms of the co-operative proposition as presented to Secretary Lane by Governor West, and you have assumed that the \$450,000 which your state has appropriated for construction of the Columbia Southern project was being duplicated by him in order to match that appropriation. This is far from the fact.

Permit me to call your attention to the act of February 21, 1913, chapter 87 of the general laws of Oregon for 1913, which provides for "detail surveys and investigations of the water resources of the State of Oregon," and makes "an appropriation therefor and providing for co-operation with Federal agencies engaged in similar work." This act of February 21, 1913, made an appropriation of \$50,000 to constitute a revolving fund in the hands of the State Treasurer for the purpose of co-operating with Federal authorities in the making of surveys and investigations as to water resources of the State of Oregon. Under the terms of this act the contract between the United States and the State of Oregon, dated May 5, 1913, was entered into by the terms of which \$100,000 was to be expended in co-operative investigations in that part

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Warm Springs Project to Be Championed By Entire County.

MEETING HERE YESTERDAY

Several New Measures For Next Legislature Are Endorsed.

That Malheur county will be represented by at least fifty delegates to the Irrigation Congress to meet in Portland Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, was the decision of a meeting held yesterday morning in the Commercial Club rooms here. Representatives of Vale and Nyssa met with local interest yesterday for the purpose of deciding upon some basis to work at the Portland meeting. There is no doubt but that the entire county will work harmoniously to secure aid for the Warm Springs Irrigation project, and tentative plans for a working organization were made yesterday.

Believing the time has come when Malheur county should have some recognition in the promotion of this project, which is one of the oldest and most meritorious in the Northwest, it was decided to have a full representation at the meeting of the Irrigation Congress in Portland. With this in view, it was the consensus of opinion that every organization of the county should send five delegates each, to the Portland meeting. The delegation will be headed by men from Nyssa, Vale and Ontario, among whom are P. J. Phillips, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Kingman and Thomas Canham of Nyssa; John Rigby, T. A. Halliday, and W. Caviness of Vale, and C. W. Mallett, H. W. Clement, J. R. Blackaby, H. C. Whitworth, A. W. Trow, A. L. Sproul and Thomas Clackett of Ontario.

Other delegates will be chosen by the different organizations and sent to the meeting next week. In order that preliminary data may be secured, A. W. Trow and J. R. Blackaby of Ontario, and John Rigby of Vale, will go down several days ahead of the meeting. J. R. Blackaby left last night for Portland, being the first, and Mr. Trow and Mr. Rigby will go Monday or Tuesday.

Several bills to be introduced in the legislature and prepared by local men, were read and endorsed at the meeting yesterday. One of these bills provides for state guarantee of interest, for the first three years, on irrigation bonds issued on private projects within the state. To guarantee a return of this money, additional bonds to cover the interest are to be given the state. It is claimed this bill will greatly aid in floating new irrigation projects, the payment of interest for the first three years, or before the farms are improved to the producing point, being one of the obstacles in floating a new enterprise of this nature.

Another bill will allow irrigation companies to develop and sell electric power for all purposes. The other bills were of a minor nature, tending to remedy some of the weak points in the irrigation laws.

JAMES A. LACKEY IS OPERATED ON

James A. Lackey, president of the Ontario Commercial Club, underwent an operation for hernia this (Thursday) morning at the Holy Rosary hospital. The operation comes as a surprise to many people who did not know that Mr. Lackey, apparently the picture of health, was ailing. Mr. Lackey was about town yesterday attending to his many duties, and said little about his approaching operation.

Drs. Prinzing and Weese performed the operation. Mr. Lackey recovered readily from the anesthetic and indications for complete recovery are good.