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Commercial Club Activities

F. LESLIE BODY, Secretary

The number of inquiries received during the past week from different parts of the States relative to locating here has been very gratifying; there was a decided increase in this respect, and from indications the influx of new arrivals this fall will be unprecedented. Numerous letters sent out during the week to the different wholesale houses directing their attention to Ontario's logical and geographical location as a wholesale distributing center, and from the replies received there will be in the very near future, at least, two new warehouses under construction. For instance, quoting from the reply received from one of the largest Portland houses they say: "We know in advance that your location is a superior one from a distributing standpoint." Again, if we can secure a

certain well-known creamery that we have the number of milk cows here to justify the investment and operation, they are willing to go ahead and establish a manufacturing plant in Ontario.

Let us not forget at all times that we have the goods, and it is only a question of selling; namely: the location and territory to make Ontario one of the largest and most prosperous centers in the entire West.

More people will visit this city during the next few days than ever before; this means that every citizen has a golden opportunity to put in a good word for us. The booster cannot make too much noise, but I hope the chronic knocker (of course, there are none) will contract an impediment of speech or be a mute during the Fair.

Fair Board Activities

BY F. LESLIE BODY

Only a few more days to wait and then opens the biggest event of the year, or rather, the biggest celebration in the history of Ontario. From the number of entries already made, both of livestock, grains, fruits and community displays, this year's County Fair will eclipse all preceding ones. When the gates swing open Tuesday morning, September 9th, for the formal opening everything will be in readiness.

The President and Secretary visited Boise this week and gave the Brown Amusement company, which is to provide our carnival attractions, the once over. We knew that this was a good, clean, strong show, but did not realize until after inspection, the class of entertainment contracted for Ontario. The carnival company already carries twenty-five concessions, but Mr. Brown, the proprietor, feels confident that an additional ten concessions will be added before the company reaches Ontario. The Ferris wheel, too, is the largest that has ever been West.

An air of festivity and jollification will surely be in evidence the whole of next week. Ontario merchants are vying with each other in the decoration of their stores and even the City Fathers have decided to renovate the main thoroughfares. During the week the streets have been "dry cleaned" and at the Council meeting Tuesday evening \$100.00 was appropriated for decorating telegraph poles and improving the streets. A con-

tract has been entered into with the Boise Tent & Awning company to handle this work and visitors are assured of a right loyal time.

The Fair grounds, too, are in the pink of condition. Many necessary and important improvements have been made. The seating capacity increased by about two thousand, the stock buildings whitewashed, amphitheatre or show-ring constructed, interior of exhibition hall entirely remodeled, judge's stand put on the right side of the track and altogether a new atmosphere of prosperity and enterprise will prevail.

The response to appeals for rooms sent out from the Secretary's office so far has not been very encouraging. For two months now we have been in close touch with the heart-beats of the people and if ever the public pulse ran high it is this year. The people as a whole are at fever heat, and every indication points to a phenomenal attendance. For a little better than four years they have been held in bounds owing to the great war, but now it is over and a satisfactory ending achieved, they can no longer be held in check. Combined with this the prosperity of the community assures and warrants the greatest attendance that was ever known in the history of the Malheur Agricultural Association. Advice was received today that the Pendleton Roundup had sold out its entire quota of reserved seats for the first two days. This argues well for Ontario's Fair, but what are we going to do with our visitors?

Were you ever invited to attend a celebration at some distant city and found on arrival that no provision had been made for your reception or accommodations provided? We all know that our hotels are filled nightly and how are we going to take care of our visitors? You have invited, through your Fair Board, the country at large to attend your Fair, and they are coming; now then, where are you going to put them? The manner in which they are received, will in a large degree, determine whether they leave us boosters. Ontario wants boosters; we have something to be proud of. Don't leave this matter until the last moment, but get in touch with the Secretary's office immediately and list with him the number of rooms or beds you can place at the disposal of the Fair Board. Discretion will be used in the selection of guests, but stretch a point and see that the thousands of people attending this, the greatest of all our Fairs are properly housed. I know you can and will, but to facilitate work and leave nothing to the last moment, it will be appreciated if you will telephone 148-M immediately.

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