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COUNTY FAIR BIG SUCCESS

As an Exhibit the Best in its History. Financially the Rains of the Week Put the Fair in Arrears.

The best fair ever pulled off at Gresham was closed Sunday afternoon. It was not scheduled to continue over Sunday afternoon but the extremely bad weather of the week spoiled the receipts. Not till Saturday was even a fair attendance possible. Even then there were not more than half what should have been on hand. The farming people made up the bulk of visitors during the week but on Saturday quite a bunch came out from town.

Racing was practically out of the question. The track was slippery and actually impossible of navigation. Navigation is the right word. Driving a racer around that track meant danger for the horse as well as the driver. A flat bottomed steam boat would have been safer and about as sure. But inside the pavilions the show was just as good as if the sun were shining. Beginning at the barn, near the entrance, the exhibit was first class clear through. Never before were such valuable exhibits of live stock put on display in this part of the county. Hogs, horses, cattle and poultry were there in quality and commendable quantity.

But it was over in the main pavilion that the best part of the show, in an agricultural way, was to be seen. Composing the largest part of the farm and home display were the grange exhibits. Seven of the leading granges of the county entered exhibits that for quality and quantity and taste in arrangement would have been an honor to any organization. The winners in this contest were: Russellville, 1st, \$250; Pleasant Valley, 2nd, \$225; Gresham, 3rd, \$200; Lents, 4th, \$175; Rockwood, 5th, \$150; Columbia, 6th, \$125; and Evening Star, 7th, \$100. Just why some one had to be seventh can only be explained in a mathematical demonstration. Suffice to say that it could not be otherwise, though the minutest observer would be willing to concede difficulty in making a better disposition of favors. There was a marked improvement in the manner of installing exhibits in all the grange booths. Much of the grange exhibits will be taken to the State Fair. Pleasant Valley especially, will be well represented. The Columbia Grange exhibit may be placed on display in a specially constructed building at their hall, which is located on the new Columbia Highway.

The domestic science department was not as large as it has been sometimes before but it was excellent. What this department fell short on was offset by the improvement in the juvenile department. Many new features were shown here and the basis for a strong competitor for the adults show was started this year and the old folks will have to look out next season if they are to remain the main exhibitors in the future.

Looking around the grounds one could not but notice the several improvements that reflect great credit on the directors and several supervisors. A new machinery hall sheltered a fair display of farm utilities; the relocation of the dance hall gives it a prominence that should have made it more prosperous; several good eating houses on the grounds made this feature of accommodations the best ever, and the dining hall conducted by the association was a credit to any entertaining association. The ladies rest room this year was well worthy of its name. It was large, convenient, well fitted up and so marked an improvement that the officers of the fair deserve the gratitude of the ladies of the entire county.

The fact that the fair was not a financial success this year can only be laid to one thing—the weather. As in the past, effort and intention were all good, but some intervening element has frequently prevented success in this feature. But the success of this year will offset even the financial shortage and ensure a growing interest for next year.

Social

Next Friday afternoon, September 25, there will be a social at Comrade Vanshoick's at Montavilla. It is requested that all who can will meet at Lents station, Wiley's office, at 12 M. Those who cannot meet there can get a Montavilla car and get off at 80th street, south, in Montavilla. His residence is there. Don't forget to take a lunch along. All Circle ladies of Shilo Circle and all comrades of Reubin Wilson Post are cordially invited.



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THE FIVE ACRE CALIFORNIA HOST BUILDING AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION.

CALIFORNIA, as host to the world, is erecting a vast palace in which elaborate entertainments will be given during the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco. The building, which with its furnishings, will cost \$500,000, will be constructed in Mission style of architecture. Besides being a center of social and official activities, it will house a wealth of exhibits.

BIG NOISE IN TOWN LAST NIGHT

People who were disturbed by the several outbursts of noise in the last twenty-four hours will appreciate the propriety of the extraordinary proceedings when they learn the extraordinary cause of the disturbance. Mr. W. Elschipp, locally known as "Slabwood Bill," has done something very unusual for him. Bill got married yesterday. It was the first time he ever did such a thing and hence the surprise and commotion. Being of retiring nature Bill thought to avoid any social earthquake. He arranged to have his bride elect meet him down town and there before Judge Bell, and with W. L. Kineman as a witness, the simple words were said that made Bill the head of a family. Thinking to avoid trouble with the Portland Railways by attracting a riot he quietly phoned for Tom Cowing to come down and take himself and his wife, formerly Mrs. Clara Timmens of Third avenue, Lents, out to her home. Cowing promised, but on the way out he resolved it were better to disappoint Bill than secure the reproaches of Bill's friends in Lents, all of whom would want to extend congratulations. So Tom steamed right up the Main street of Lents, tooting his whistle. Mr. and Mrs. Bill got a warm welcome. Along in the evening they got another one and still later an attempt was made to show still further sympathy with the occasion. But the day's tension had been too much for the happy young people, their slumbers were deep, they failed to recognize the appeal.

Mr. and Mrs. Elschipp have the best wishes of the Herald and their many Lents acquaintances.

Tom Cowing Buys New Machine

Tom Cowing is the owner of a fine seven passenger automobile that looks very inviting. He hasn't been around to let us try it out but he will when he thinks of it. He will continue to operate it for public service at customary rates and will no doubt meet with a splendid patronage.

H. E. Bloyd Quits Bank

H. E. Bloyd, for the past three years connected with the Multnomah State Bank, has decided to try some other line of work for a while. He has several things in view. Mr. Bloyd expressed regrets on having to quit Lents. He deeply appreciated the many expressions of regret from friends who knew of his leaving. He had come to value his acquaintance in Lents very highly and will remember the place with pleasure, wherever he may locate. It is safe for Mr. Bloyd to feel that Lents people are very sorry to see him go.

Day Nursery in View

Due to the numerous reports of mothers who wish to work away from home a movement has been started among the ladies of the Parent-Teacher Club of Lents toward establishing a day nursery for children under school age. Such a nursery will involve considerable expense and a small daily fee would be required to meet expenses. Thus it will be seen that the first consideration as to starting such an institution will be the assured need and support. Persons who may be personally interested in such an institution, or who know of some one who might avail themselves of it would greatly assist by reporting to Mrs. Otto Katzky, president of the Parent Teacher Club.

Resolutions of Sympathy

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His all wise providence to take from earth Mrs. Martha Jane Miskimins, wife of Comrade J. M. Miskimins, who is a member of Reubin Wilson Post G. A. R. of Lents, we as a Post extend our sympathy to Comrade Miskimins in his great loss and bereavement.

By Order of Committee.

BENEFIT PROGRAM AT YEAGER SATURDAY NIGHT

A big program is to be given Saturday evening at the Yeager Theatre, the net receipts of which will be applied on a deficit held over from the Fourth of July. Any balance will be used for public purposes. The program will be one of the very best ever given in Lents. Besides four good films to be run by the house the following special numbers will be given: Mrs. Wm. Goldbacker of the Portland Oratorio Society will sing, "Songs My Mother used to Sing." A quartet of children will give the folk dances, which took so well the Fourth, a "Highland Fling," and a "Hornpipe." N. G. Hedin will give a baritone solo, "Hawaiian Farewell;" Miss Marie Chapman, whose excellent music is so well known, will give violin solos. Since all these numbers are liable to be called for encores it is evident that a good hour and a half program is provided.

The public is urged to patronize this entertainment. A good many tickets have already been sold and it is probable that a big attendance will be given. The theatre will seat over 600 people. At least 700 people can listen to the program comfortably.

COUNTY GRANGE MEETS AT SYCAMORE

Multnomah County Grange met Wednesday at Sycamore. A very fine time is reported. Pleasant Valley Grange is famous for its dinners. A lengthy program was carried out. H. B. Starkweather gave a discussion of European Rural Credits; H. E. Davis talked on the proposed eight hour law; J. J. Johnson discussed several of the proposed bills, particularly the Tax Bills. W. H. H. Dufur explained his views on credit systems for farmers. There were numerous victors, and a good program was rendered in the evening. Several candidates were obligated for the fifth degree.

The State Fair

The State Fair opens its gates Monday the 28th. The show this year will be of unusual proportions. Multnomah County will have a representative booth. Many new features have been added and an attractive program of lectures has been arranged. There will be something to interest everybody.

At an adjourned meeting of the quarterly conference of the Lents M. E. Church, which convened Monday evening, the financial condition of the church was found to be unusually good, all the year's benevolences being paid up in full, together with the pastor's salary and all incidental expenses connected with the church organization. The increase in membership and attendance, has been far above the average this year, and harmony, peace, and prosperity, reign supreme.

The one topic of absorbing interest in Portland last week was the failure of the attempt of Dr. Calvin S. White and others to pass through the council an ordinance stopping "Painless Parker" from giving his dental exhibitions on the streets of the city. When the ordinance was first introduced it was announced that it would have easy sailing through the council, but when it came up for final passage last Wednesday the votes stood 4 to 1 in favor of its indefinite postponement. This is looked upon as a test vote in the present city council on the subject of excluding public speakers from the streets.

HERALD'S POSITION MEETS APPROVAL

To the Editor—Let me compliment you on your excellent editorial on Vaccination in last week's Herald. For the past fifteen years I have read everything on the subject that has come within my reach, much that is learned and original, but for the most part banal and tiresome.

An anti-vaccinator however can never lose interest in the subject so long as our mistaken medical friends insist on compulsion. We shall be only too glad to forget all about the wretched business the moment law making bodies turn the deaf ear to medical politicians and free us of the shackles the two classes have forged and fastened on us. I greatly like the way you state the case against vaccination, up to the point where you compare the respective dangers of vaccination and smallpox and conclude that it is a toes-up which to choose.

You overlook the fact that it is an unwarranted assumption that vaccination prevents smallpox. This claim is roundly denied by all the professional statisticians I have been able to discover. Prof. Adolf Vogt, Prof. Alfred Russel Wallace, and Dr. Charles Creighton are notable examples that come to mind. The last-mentioned was selected to prepare the article on Vaccination for the Ninth edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica because of his exceptional qualifications. Read what he says. The other two were men of even greater eminence.

Again granting the claims on the other side, this is not a choice between smallpox and vaccinations; but a choice between the latter and the possibility of smallpox, which is a very different thing.

Further, it is unquestionable that smallpox, like other eruptive fevers, is an active effort to eliminate an excess of waste matter unable to find outlet by natural channels, and is therefore life-saving. Nor can it be gainsaid that vaccination is an artificial pollution of the blood with a virus that is capable of propagating itself in the system.

This one is an effort of nature. The other is an artifice of the doctors. Trust nature, is a safer motto than trust the doctor. Nature does not contradict herself. Medical authority is a mass of contradiction.

Sept. 24 LORA C. LITTLE.

PORTLAND BROOM COMPANY WILL RE-OPEN

The unfortunate fire that destroyed the building, machinery and stock of the Portland Broom Co. did not entirely discourage the young men who were operating it. With their available funds they have erected a temporary building and will soon be ready for work. They deserve the sympathy of the entire city, and of the Mt. Scott section in particular. An order from local dealers will no doubt be highly appreciated.

Correction

The Herald is informed on good authority that the information furnished it and given relative to the illness of Mrs. Miskimins was wrong. The lady was ill for several weeks and would have been duly operated upon for her trouble had the condition of her heart permitted it. Several physicians advised delay, hoping for improvement. She was tended by a nurse during her last month. This information was not furnished by her husband, and devoid of motive, ought to be reliable.

EXEMPTION PURPOSE IS PLAIN SINGLE TAX

(By John Rigby of Vall in Oregonian.)

Do the people of Oregon want single tax? That is the question. Whether to endure the ills we have, without attempt to remedy them logically or frantically to the tangled forest of theoretical legislation.

On the statute books today we have the law. "Uncultivated land shall be assessed as cultivated land equally situated." While license is here given somewhat to the assessor, this one clause indicates a long stride toward the Henry George theory as explained in "Progress and Poverty."

Comes now Barzee & Co., in connection with Inde-Probi-Oregon City law-maker and candidate, presenting another Henry George joker for the voter to unknowingly confirm in the \$1500 exemption act.

They fill columns with specific examples showing how it would help the payer of taxes as now constituted, taking taxation from the poor and placing it on the rich. Great is the dodging of the real facts. Great the pandering to the proletariat. It must be conceded at once that the exemption will let those who have but little personal property and those who never expect to have but little personal property escape completely from direct taxation at least.

These are the facts: If a county or municipality needs \$10,000 and the tax roll is \$10,000,000 the rate must be 1 per cent. If there are 2000 taxpayers exempted \$1500 each the tax roll is diminished \$3,000,000 and the rate must be 1 and forty-three one-hundredth per cent. The levy must then be on visible property, land. The farmer who has been exempted \$1500 must pay the higher rate on the remainder, and when a new assessment is made, land values must be higher if the rate is to be lowered.

Taxation is a necessary burden on society and will increase with advanced civilization.

If all personal property should be exempted, all tax put on land, there will follow either a higher rate or greatly increased valuation for taxation purposes on the land. There will be no other land to tax as it must revert to the state.

The value of cultivated land will be measured by the value of the improvements and cost of bringing uncultivated land into producing condition for the reason that, being owned by the state, raw land will be ready for the taking without original cost.

Are the people of Oregon ready for this condition? Are the farmers ready to have their values increased for taxation and decreased for transfer?

Evidence is plentiful, accentuated by the present world conditions that we are so closely related to business and all material affairs that no big business can be hurt without all business suffering. Destroy big business and we relapse into confusion from which the world has so lately emerged.

A people is ready to drag down only when ready to endure the suffering and privation incident during the interim of adjustment between anarchy and the establishment of the new dispensation. If the people of Oregon have reached the socialistic condition wherein they are willing to live for the mere sake of living, ignoring material values and competitive success, they are ready for single tax.

The evils attendant on so radical a change will be overcome in time; the sorrow and suffering of the ruined will cease; the moans of misfortune will gradually die away; the new dispensation will have its happiness, its pleasures, its work, its giving and taking in marriage; the world will not cease to revolve; the sun will still shine, the silver lining of the clouds change to gold for some, black despair to others. The question remains: Do the people of Oregon want single tax?

Register Now

Those persons who failed to register before the primary will be accommodated beginning September 24 and on until October 14. It will be necessary for all persons in Mt. Scott, or other places in the city limits to go to the courthouse to register. Those persons living in the city who registered at home or in Lents in the spring will have to register at the courthouse if they want to vote without the "swearing in" process on election day, which by the way is no joke. It takes considerable time, inconveniences one's neighbors and is a trying ordeal. No one who has been through it once will want to neglect registering.

VACCINATION FIGHT GOES TO COURT

Determined Effort on Part of Parents and Citizens Secures Recognition From Health Officers.

The entire Mt. Scott district has been shaken the past week, from Fortieth to Ninetieth street on account of the city health departments issuing orders preventing children who were not recently vaccinated from attending school. The developments of the first week of school were to send the children home. The city health board ordered the principals to send the children home until they were vaccinated. Now there are quite a number of people in this district who do not approve of vaccination. They objected. A mass meeting was called at Laurelwood, last Monday evening, a committee of three was appointed to employ an attorney to prosecute the case. A collection was taken to defray expenses. The committee chosen was composed of Rev. V. E. Willings, Dr. W. O. Powell, Mrs. L. C. Little, Rev. J. C. Tibbets, and Chas. Kitching. The committee met with the school authorities on Tuesday and later had a conference with the mayor. It was decided to enjoin Prof. Ball of the Creston school from sending certain children home. An order was secured from Judge McGinn Tuesday evening.

On Tuesday evening another meeting was held and Wm. M. Gregory, attorney for Mr. Powell were present and addressed the people. It was made clear that the health authorities had no right to send healthy and unexposed children home. It has now been several weeks since the last suspicious case occurred in the Arleta-Laurelwood section. There is no sickness there now, of this nature. It is even disputed that the cases were smallpox. Some say it was simply chickenpox. Speaking for his committee Mr. Willings said:

"In behalf of the Mt. Scott district, branded by Dr. Marcellus and the city health board as being infected with smallpox, we desire to state that they are doing us a great injustice.

"About four-fifths of the eligible children, who are in a healthy condition and never have been exposed to smallpox, are out of school, but all are permitted to mingle together elsewhere. The expulsion from school, therefore, is of no avail. A great injustice is being done the entire city of Portland by Dr. Marcellus publishing these unfounded reports.

"Constitutionally there can be no compulsory vaccination law and the reports are only to scare the innocent into having their children vaccinated, with consequent business for the doctors and druggists.

"We desire to state that if Dr. Marcellus is honest in his efforts to conserve the health of the public, it would not take from three to four weeks to make cleanups in the Mt. Scott district that have been reported and not attended to as yet.

"So far as we know of, there has been but one case of real smallpox in the Mt. Scott district. The disease that is prevalent in our region and to which Dr. Marcellus objects, is chickenpox, a typical children's disease, and against which there is no inoculation."

The Powell case is alleged to be due to persecution on the part of the physicians who are not in sympathy with Dr. Powell, who is head of the local school of chiropractic. This probably is untrue.

Mr. Powell accompanied his children to the school Tuesday noon and formally asked that they be admitted, but was told by the principal that they could not attend until they were vaccinated. Mr. Powell then commenced legal action.

William M. Gregory and W. T. Vaughn, attorneys, who acted for Mr. Powell, hold that as the school board appears to disclaim authority in the present situation, the school principals are directly responsible for barring children from school.

"The responsibility seems to be up to the principal in this case," said Mr. Vaughn. "It is understood that the school principals admit some children and exclude others, as they think best. "Doctors of the Health Department come out to the schools and appear to send children home or admit them at their own sweet will and pleasure. A doctor has no right to interfere with a child of mine and keep it from attending school, any more than he has to exclude these children of Mr. Powell, and the sooner they find it out the better." The Woodmere school presented a peculiar condition. After instructing the principal to send the children home, it was shown that the school is located on side the city limits and so is not under the authority of the city health officers.