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Crook County Fair Opened Its Gates Yesterday

Several things contributed yesterday to cause a slim attendance at the opening of the Crook County Fair. The weather man blustered for several days previously in a threatening way to send rain and succeeded Tuesday night with a general downpour. Another contributory cause was the counter attraction of the Scoggin murder trial at the courthouse. Still another was the general unpreparedness of county fairs to have exhibits in place for the opening day. This is as true of the Crook County Fair as of others. Exhibitors were later than usual this year. Some were received as late as Wednesday evening.

The agricultural display this fall is not up to expectations. Mr. Breese has a good exhibit, so has Mr. Whistler, who captured the corn prizes last year; Mr. Marker has a good display, and so has Mr. Wells. Wilhoit has a good exhibit but was late in getting it in place. The fine corn showing surprised everybody. Both Whistler and Marker deserve lots of credit for showing what can be done with corn cultivation in Crook county in an unusually cold season.

Mrs. Brink, in charge of the ladies' art department, says that the display of fancy work this year

is the most extensive ever shown here. It is all new and combines both excellent taste and painstaking care with details. The flower display is good for an off season.

The exhibit of hand-painted China from Bend, shown by Florence Lunbeck, deserves special mention. Lafler's Studio has a good display of the work done by him. Keys Hyde is also represented in the art department. His original cartoons show a natural talent in that direction.

The jellies, jams and preserves look awful good. While the display is not large the quality is as good as any ever shown at the county fair.

We also noticed in the art department an unusually artistic collection of asters from Redmond. There was also fancy work shown from the Hub City.

Prineville is certainly making a big showing in the school exhibit department. The work was kept up all last year and when the fair dates were set earlier than usual Prineville was ready. Unfortunately the other schools of the county had very little work to show.

Fourteen head of fancy McCall cattle are on exhibition. The list includes some of the best thoroughbred stock that money can buy.

The stock was sent to Crook county from the farm of Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston multi-millionaire. The Jerseys are especially fine. There is a two-year-old Durham that is considered almost perfect. To see this herd is well worth the price of admission.

There are some fine horses at the fair. All classes are represented.

The racing is the best ever. There are more horses than usual

and competition is keener than ever. Just two more days after today. You can't afford to miss it.

Be sure and see the day fireworks. Its a novelty never before shown in this country. J. B. Shipp's racing stunts are worth your while. The ladies think he could improve his speed if he wore a racing suit. He touches off the fireworks and then beats it to safety.

The band music is first-class. Everybody enjoys it.

The Fate of McDowell Now in the Hands of Jury

The Scoggin murder trial was the most absorbing theme at the courthouse this week. Some difficulty was found in getting jurors. Eventually a special venire was drawn from the Madras country and the trial commenced. The attorneys on both sides contended for every inch of ground. The case was given to the jury just before noon today.

Mrs. Scoggin, who was jointly indicted with McDowell by the grand jury, succeeded in having her case tried separately. She will be tried at the December term of court.

The fate of Henry McDowell will soon be known. It will be remembered that he killed his employer, A. G. Scoggin, on July 31, at Paulina.

The grand jury has closed its

labors. It brought in eight true bills and four not true bills.

It made the following recommendations: "While we have confidence in the so-called widow's pension act enacted by the last legislature and believe, when properly executed, that it is a good law, we find that in Crook county the law has been much abused. In view of this fact we recommend that a committee consisting of the county physician and two women of Prineville be constituted by the county court as an investigating committee to report favorably or otherwise on all applications. We find that approximately \$12,000 a year is expended by the county court each year for the maintenance of the poor, including the widow's

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Irrigation Possibilities Near Prineville Under Investigation

State Engineer John H. Lewis spent Saturday inspecting the survey work now under way in the vicinity of Prineville which is being conducted by the state and the United States in cooperation.

John T. Whistler, who is in direct charge of the cooperative work, accompanied Mr. Lewis. They drove over the bottom and bench lands north of Ochoco river, visited the Ochoco reservoir site, and the possible diversion site on Crooked river above Prineville. They left Sunday morning for Burns and Malheur county where similar investigations are in progress, stopping at the proposed reservoir site on Crooked river above Post, where a diamond drill party is at work locating depth to bed rock at the dam site. This camp may be later moved to the Ochoco dam site and perhaps other points disclosed by the surveys.

The object of these investigations is to work out every possible scheme for watering lands in the various districts whether by gravity ditches or by pumping. The information will later be published for free distribution. It is hoped that these plans, made at public expense, giving detailed estimates of cost may assist the various districts in securing needed develop-

ment either by private or public funds.

When asked as to the possibilities for securing public funds for the building of any feasible projects which may be found, Mr. Lewis stated that this matter was entirely in the hands of the people. He called attention to the constitutional amendment to be voted upon at the November election and urged that the affirmative argument as published on page 11 of the initiative voters' pamphlet be carefully studied.

Since congress has taken from Secretary Lane the power to allot U. S. reclamation funds and made construction work dependent upon annual appropriations by congress, Mr. Lewis believes that the chances of securing Oregon's rightful share of the reclamation fund will be improved, but that little hope of additional government aid can be expected unless the state cooperates on the dollar for dollar basis. To insure safety of investment and ultimate return of the money, we should start out in cooperation with the experienced organizations of the United States.

The problem of colonization is serious on an irrigation project. Few settlers can be found with

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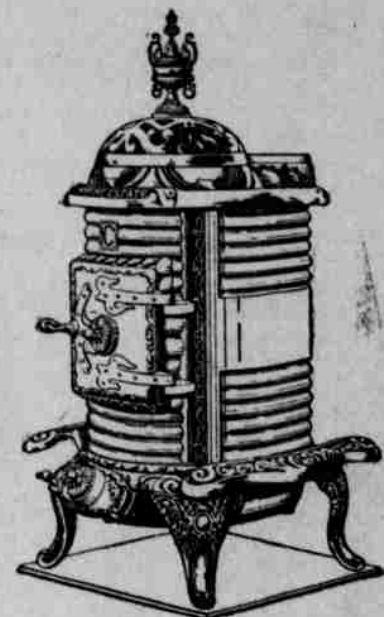


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