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Crook County Fair Closed Good Exhibits for Off Year

The Crook County Fair closed Saturday evening after a run of four days of hard luck. The weather was bad. This kept many people away. The season was bad. The worst Central Oregon ever experienced. This kept the exhibits away. Money is tight. This helped to keep both exhibits and people away. Yet, notwithstanding all these discouraging circumstances, the fair as an object lesson, was the best ever held at this place. To know that Crook county could raise the fruits and vegetables, grains and grasses found on exhibition in an off year has given greater inspiration to the farmers of the county than anything else could have done. Every vegetable grown in the temperate zone was there. Boegli's display of fruit and grapes and kindred stuff, while not as large as formerly, was fully as good as the best he ever had. Size, quality and flavor were there. His four varieties of grapes were a great surprise.

The general displays of S. D. Mustard of Powell Butte and of George Russell of the Ochoco valley give a wide range to the agricultural possibilities of Crook county. The corn exhibit will start many to growing this hitherto considered impossible crop.

The racing program was carried out every afternoon as advertised. And in connection it might not be amiss to say a good word for Rizzi's Band of Portland. This organization more than fulfilled its contract. They not only furnished first-class music but gave it in abundance. Their free evening concerts were the delight of all who had the good fortune to hear them. The people would be glad to welcome them again.

The special premiums were awarded as follows:

First National Bank of Prineville, \$10 for the best bushel of wheat, any variety, accompanied by a sheaf of same variety not less than six inches at band. Won by S. D. Mustard of Powell Butte. He also won the fair premium of \$5 for the same.

Crook County Bank of Prineville, \$10 for the best heifer, under 2 years old of any beef breed, was won by the Bonnyview Farm of Post.

The \$5 cash offered by the Crook County Abstract Co. for the best collection of grains in sheaf was won by S. D. Mustard.

The \$5 pair ladies' shoes offered by the Prineville Mercantile Co. for the best embroidered lunch cloth,

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This handsome silver cup was won by S. D. Mustard, of Powell Butte at the Crook County Fair, held Sept. 16, 17, 18, 19, 1914. It was offered as a special prize by the Great Northern Ry. for the best exhibit of grains, grasses and vegetables.

Circuit Court Adjourned Three Got Life Sentence

Circuit court adjourned Saturday night after two weeks of purely criminal work, not a civil case having been called for trial. The last act of the court before adjournment was the sentencing of Henry McDowell to life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

The work of the September term was a record one—three men having been convicted of murder in the second degree. They were conveyed to the penitentiary by Sheriff Elkins Monday.

Rex Sheldon, whom four leading physicians of Prineville pronounced insane a couple of weeks before court set gladly pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree when offered that alternative by the district attorney. The trial of the case would have been an awkward one for state's attorneys, owing to the fact that the law prohibits the trial and sentencing of an insane man. A doubt as to his insanity might have been established in his favor so that a verdict of second degree would have been perhaps difficult to obtain after a long and expensive trial. Sheldon murdered his unnamed infant son a few hours old by administering laudanum to it.

Gaylord McDaniel, put on trial for murder in the second degree,

was reconvicted, and Henry McDowell, jointly indicted with Mrs. Mary E. Scoggin for the murder of the latter's husband, was found guilty of murder in the second degree. Mrs. Scoggin's attorney requested a severance of the case and she will be tried for the crime in December. She is being detained in the county jail pending her trial.

J. F. McKay, a youth 19 years old, was indicted for forgery and pleaded guilty. On account of his extreme youthfulness, he was paroled from the bench, after having been sentenced to from two to twenty years in the penitentiary by Judge Bradshaw Saturday evening.

Ed Bush of Madras, indicted for giving liquor to a minor, pleaded guilty and sentence was suspended upon the request of the grand jury. Clyde Wornstaff of Bend, indicted for a similar offense, was tried, found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 by Judge Bradshaw.

Johanna Smith of Madras was indicted for pointing a gun at some children. Her case was continued to the December term in order to allow her to get witnesses for her trial which will be called at that time.

Andrew Gabhardt, indicted for

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