

OREGON INTER-STATE FAIR AT PRINEVILLE

In 1904 the first Central Oregon Fair was attempted in Prineville and was held as a side issue of the annual or some times semi-annual race meet that was a feature of the early history of this part of the state.

The fair was not an outgrowth of any plan formulated by the racing element, for they were hostile to the "pumpkin show" and remained so, growing somewhat stronger in their denunciation as the strength of the agricultural attractions grew.

The early history of the fair was one of reverses and financial difficulties.

There were no grounds and no buildings suitable for the housing of exhibits.

After a half dozen years however, the present grounds were purchased and buildings erected that are a credit to the county and in fact that are unsurpassed by some of the state fairs in the west.

The fame of the Crook County Fair grew until in the fall of 1915, those who had attended many of the shows of livestock and agricultural products in the west were loud in their praises, and actual comparison showed that the county fair at Prineville was one of the very biggest and best fairs in this part of the west.

The record in 1916 was equally as good if not better.

In the early spring of this year, the stockholders of the Central Oregon Livestock & Agricultural Association, which is the corporation that owns the grounds and the fair management proper, held a meeting in Prineville and voted to change the name to the Oregon Inter-State Fair.

This was considered advisable for two or three reasons, the principal one of which was to permit owners of livestock to show at this fair no matter where the stock is grown.

The success of the Oregon Inter-state Fair is due to the livestock men of this part of the state, as well as those who grow the prize winning potatoes and other agricultural exhibits.

The quality of livestock of all kinds is such that the competition of growers from other states, or from any state or nation is sought by the local growers instead of

avoided, and if there is any better livestock than the Prineville grown article, the Prineville men will immediately buy the new stuff and improve their own herds in that manner.

The Oregon Inter-State Fair has become in a large measure for the people of middle eastern and central Oregon what the State Fair is to the people of western Oregon, a show place for their best stock, of which there are none better, and great pride is taken in the preparation of stock and other exhibits for the fair.

The 1917 fair will, as each fair has been for the past several years, be better than the one before.

Stock is now being fed and fitted for the opening of the big show, the Oregon Inter-State Fair, in Prineville on October 3 for the four days' program, and local breeders will welcome all growers from any other states to the show ring.

Premiums are larger here on some classes of livestock than at the state fairs.

One of the strong features is the competition for places in the car lot class of fat stuff, of various ages, and some of the best beef that ever was grown can be seen here at the fair.

As a part of the program, the management has for the past three years, brought a high class of amusements to the fair and the 1917 show promises larger and better attractions of this kind than ever before.

The school exhibits have become a strong feature, and they have accomplished great good for the little fellows, who in this manner develop a habit of striving to do their best, which is very good too as a rule.

The premium list and program of events for the 1917 Oregon Inter-State Fair will be issued in a short time, and copies will be mailed free to everyone requesting them.

Write the secretary, who by the way is a live wire and responsible for much of the success of the fair for the past three years, and he will mail you the premium list and any other information you wish. Address R. L. Schee, Prineville, Oregon.

In justice to Mr. Schee we will state here that he is not the author of this article, nor does he know that it is being written.

If you are thinking of the Prineville country, the very best time to see it and its products will be October 3-6. Keep these dates open for the big fair.

IDEAL COUNTRY FOR ROADS

The character of the soil and climate of this part of Oregon is unsurpassed for road building and maintenance for both team and motor travel.

The fact that there is no trolley system for quick and cheap travel has made the automobile even more of a necessity here than in more thickly populated centers, and almost every stockman has his car, and some of them own two.

For the same reason motor trucks have taken the place of teams for hauling on the roads, and today Prineville has a system of truck stage lines radiating from it as spokes from a wheel hub, just as a dozen years ago, the transportation of mails, and express matter.

Freight lines of motor trucks are to be found supplying every country store and ranch of any size, and the auto lines and "jitney" service extends everywhere.

These are all made more practical for the very reason that these machines are all operated for the entire twelve months of the year.

Snows of the winter are soon packed down on the main lines of traffic, for machines are running at practically all hours, and a very good road is maintained in the most severe storms.

Just now a new feature is developing in this community. It is the introduction of the small farm tractor to supplant the farm team.

Several alert dealers have been placing light tractors in this part of the state, and their universal use seems assured.

If developments are as great in the next decade as they have been in the one just past, it is impossible to estimate just what will be the customs.

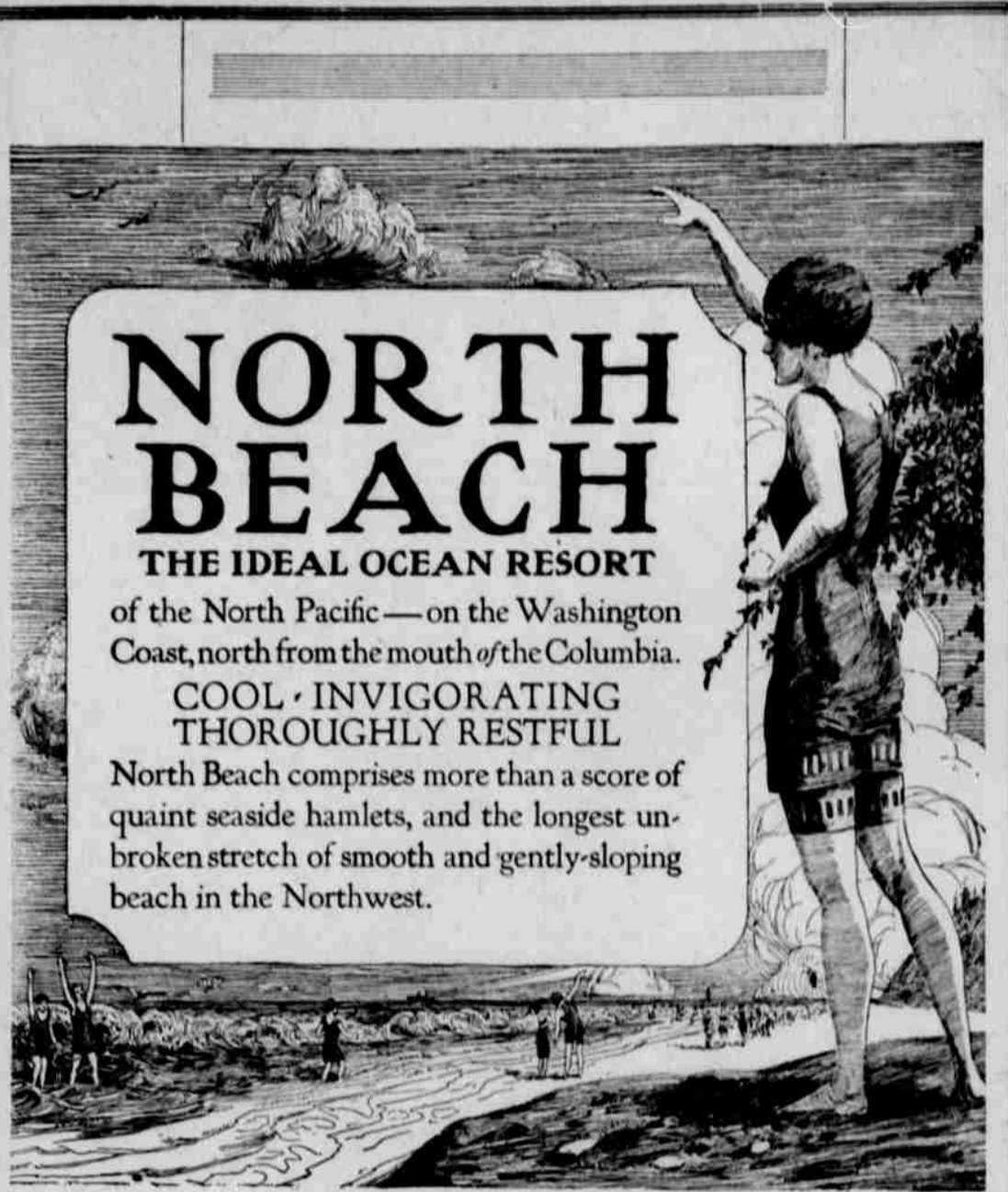
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