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It has been proposed that a Young Men's Republican Club should be organized in Oregon City. The young men constitute an important factor in any party, and their services can best be employed through an intelligent organization. Such a club should be formed.

An invitation has been extended to Clackamas county by the management of the Lewis and Clark Centennial to make a special exhibit at the exposition to be held at Portland in 1905. This proposition should be taken up by the Oregon City Board of Trade and the people of Clackamas county generally.

It is reported that the penitentiary authorities are making arrangements to put convicts at work upon the roads between the state institutions, covering about twenty miles. The workings of this interesting experiment will be carefully watched by many.

FOR OREGON STATE FAIR, 1904.

At a recent meeting of the Oregon State Board of Agriculture, some business in connection with the 1904 state fair (Sept. 12 to 17) was transacted. George Gamble, of Portland, was appointed superintendent of the stock department; Frank Lee of the poultry; Prof. F. L. Cent, of Corvallis, the dairy.

A revision of the premium list on stock was made. The premiums were lowered in some instances but were raised in others and, taken altogether, the increases will more than offset the decreases, and in the aggregate the premiums have been raised.

The county exhibit premiums will be the same as they were for the 1903 state fair.

The following special racing purses were decided on and announced: \$2,000 for 2:15 pace, \$2,000 for 2:17 trot, \$1,000 for 2:12 trot, \$1,000 for 2:11 pace, \$500 for 3-year-old pace, \$500 for 3-year-old trot, \$300 added purse for 2-year-old trot. The closing date of entry for these stakes is May 10th.

G. A. Westgate, of Albany, is superintendent of the speed department.

A RECORD OF AMERICAN HUSBANDRY.

The space devoted to an exhibit of the products and processes of agriculture at the St. Louis world's fair will far exceed that devoted to any one industry in any previous exposition. At the Columbian Exposition at Chicago it was the manufacturers' building that towered over all other structures.

At St. Louis agriculture is given the premier place among exhibits. The Palace of Agriculture, which

surpasses in extent all other exposition structures, is 1,600 feet long and will cost over half a million dollars. In all, inside and outside space, more than seventy acres are devoted to the progress and development of the science of husbandry.

Agriculture is not given this prominent place because of a sudden discovery that it outranks all other industries in point of value of product or importance to our national welfare. That it stands first among the industries of man and that all other activities rest upon the tilling of the soil was conceded long ago.

The suggestion is made that the work of gathering and installing the colossal exhibits of agriculture and horticulture at St. Louis furnishes an opportunity for a colossal historical record of the development of American husbandry that should not be lost.

In the annals of human progress there is nothing comparable to the story of the development of husbandry in this country. As the display at the St. Louis exposition is to be comprehensive and educational, it will provide a wealth of material for the story of American agriculture, which should embrace not only the results of scientific husbandry but the activities that are directly related to the tilling of the soil.

THE WAR AND AFTERWARD.

America's promptness in urging the powers to join in attempting to focalize the war is commanding almost as much of the world's attention as are Japan's swift and heavy blows against Russia. The advantages which Japan gained by its victories on the first and the second days of the war are being followed up. Her troops are pouring into Korea from two or three sides of the peninsula, by the way of Masanpho, Fusan and Chemulpo, the last named being the port nearest to Seoul, Korea's capital.

But the aim of the United States is to guard against some of the possibilities and eventualities of the war. Secretary Hay's note to the powers does not aim to hamper the activities of either belligerent to any embarrassing degree. Nor does it threaten the complications for the United States, which some of the yellow newspapers in New York, St. Louis and other places in the country imagine, or pretend they imagine.

When Chinamen get aroused they make no discriminations between men of white skins. The American, the Englishman and the German in China might find that country as hot as the Russian would. Atrocities on missionaries, merchants and other peaceable foreigners in the empire would stand a chance to be precipitated, and the scenes of four years ago be repeated.

The president and the secretary of state want to prevent any such eventualities. It was the Boxer rising that gave Russia the pretext under which she seized and holds Manchuria. The present war is due chiefly to the opportunity for territorial aggrandizement, which the Muscovite embraced in 1900. Roosevelt and Hay know these things, if their American critics do not. These things are also known in every chancellery in Europe, and this is why the secretary's note has been received with favor in London, Berlin, Vienna and Paris, for Paris is in sympathy with the general purpose of the note, although it says that it wants to steer clear of anything which would be calculated to embarrass Russia.

Man for man, the Japanese are probably better fighters and campaigners than the Russians on land as on water, and will defeat them in the end. The United States, however, in the interest of civilization and humanity, wants to keep the war within as narrow bounds as possible, to hold the Chinese ports open to the world while the war is under way, and to prevent disorder and massacre of foreigners in China during the war and afterward. The administration at Washington can laugh at the assaults of its yellow critics among the American press and politicians.

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