

# OREGON CITY ENTERPRISE

The Enterprise is the only Clackamas County newspaper that prints all of the news of this growing County.

Has your subscription expired? Look at the label. You should not miss any of our news numbers.

FORTY-THIRD YEAR—NO. 34.

OREGON CITY, OREGON, FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1909.

ESTABLISHED 1866.

## MEASURE HAS WIDE RANGE

### PROPOSAL IS MADE TO GOVERN OREGON AND HER COUNTIES BY CENTRAL HEAD.

## GOVERNOR IS SUPREME

### Nearly all Elective Offices For State and Counties Abolished by Scheme of W. S. U'Ren and Associates.

Radical departure from the existing form of government for the state and counties of Oregon is contemplated in a bill that will be presented to the voters of Oregon for their approval or rejection at the general election in November, 1910. The scheme was made public Saturday by W. S. U'Ren, of this city, who has been working on the plan for the extension of every thing else for many months. Associated with him and standing as sponsors for the proposed measure are C. H. Chapman, Thomas G. Greene, Will Daly, Henry E. McGinn, Henry Hahn, F. McKeercher, E. S. J. McAllister, W. F. Olds, G. M. Oren, H. Parson, H. Lee Page, and C. E. S. Wood, of Portland; Frank Williams, of Lents; F. M. Gill, of Dufur, and W. A. Huntley and C. Schaevel, of Oregon City.

### State Governed by Cabinet.

Under the provisions of this new bill, which is an amendment to the constitution of Oregon, the governor and state auditor are the only elective officers in the state government. The attorney general, secretary of state, state treasurer, state printer, superintendent of public instruction, secretary of labor and state business manager are all to be appointed by the governor, and they shall constitute his cabinet and hold office during his pleasure. The salaries of these officers are to be fixed by law, except that of the state printer, who shall receive \$4000 per annum. With the exception of the state business manager, they must have been citizens of Oregon for five years before their election or appointment.

### Governor Made Responsible.

Direct responsibility for the government of practically every department of the state is placed upon the governor. He has the power to appoint not only all of the other officers of the state, except the auditor, but he will name a sheriff and district attorney for each county, with power to suspend or remove any officer he appoints, and all local officials shall be subject to the recall of the people of their county or district.

### Complete Control of the Organization and Management of All State Institutions, State Business and Public Functions Now Wholly or Partly Governed or Managed by 47 Boards and Commissions is Placed in the Hands of the Governor, who Shall Take Over Such Control from Time to Time and Before September 1, 1911. He may retain such boards and commissions as he desires as counselors and advisers, but he shall have full power to manage and organize and shall be wholly and alone responsible to the people for results. No new boards or commissions shall be created by law, unless the law shall first be approved by the people. Only the board of railroad commissioners is retained.

### Proportional Representation a Feature

Proportional representation is a feature of the measure, and political lines are largely abolished. No appointments or removals shall be made for any reasons of partisanship, except in the case of the members of the governor's cabinet.

The state business manager shall receive such salary as may be determined by the governor, who shall also define the duties of that official, who shall so organize, consolidate, supervise, direct and manage the business departments and affairs of the state as to obtain the highest possible efficiency in the state's service and full value for the public money. All of his acts shall be subject to the approval of the governor, who is authorized to make such rules and regulations as may be expedient to obtain these results.

The state auditor shall be chosen by the legal voters of the state at the general election in November, 1912, to serve two years. At the biennial election the state auditor shall be elected for six years and this shall be his regular term of office. His duties and salary are to be fixed by law.

The governor shall be elected by the people in November, 1914, and shall serve six years. He must have resided in the state five years prior to the date of his election and shall not be eligible to office more than 12 years in any period of 18 years.

### People's Voice in Legislature.

Sweeping changes are made in the election and prerogatives of the members of the legislature, which shall be composed of 30 senators and 60 representatives.

The power is reserved to the people under the initiative, to propose legislative measures, resolutions, laws and amendments to the constitution and to enact or reject the same at the polls independent of the legislative assembly. Initiative petitions for all but municipal legislation shall be filed with the Secretary of State not less than ten days before any regular session of the Legislature, which shall meet annually at Salem. These petitions shall be transmitted to the House of Representatives as soon as it convenes and organizes, and such initiative measures shall take precedence over all other measures except appropriation bills. Initiative measures enacted by the Legislature shall be subject to the referendum or they may be referred by the legislative assembly to the people. The Legislature may reject any initiative measure and propose a different one on the same subject, and in such event both measures

## STATE FAIR NEXT MONTH

### ENTRIES OF LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WILL BE PLENTIFUL.

## FINE DAIRY DISPLAY

### Racing Will Be of Best Sort as Rich Purse Have Been Hung Up and Speedy Horses Will Be Entered.

The next Oregon State Fair will be the forty-eighth annual one in the history of the organization, and it will be conducted at Salem during the week of September, 13-18, under the direction of the Oregon State Board of Agriculture, the secretary of which is F. A. Welch and the president, W. F. Matlock. Several improvements are being made in the plan of the fair grounds, among which might be mentioned the construction of a massive concrete main entrance, flanked on either side by a commodious reinforced concrete administration building, in which will be located the offices of the board and which will be a very busy place during the week that the fair is in operation. This structure is located a few rods to the left of the former main "railroad" gate and with its spacious vestibule and electric turnstiles will afford easier access to the grounds for the great crowds of people who attend the fair during the entire week.

A most desirable change has been made in the locations of the principal restaurants and the poultry pavilion, all of which will be appreciated by the visitors in attendance at the fair of the future to be held on this ground. The altering of the grounds in this respect affords larger lawns and more spacious walks up to and in front of the main exhibition building and the livestock barns on the fair grounds.

A livestock judging arena, 106 feet wide by 212 feet in length, has been made in close proximity to the stock barns, so that during the time that the several judges are passing upon the classes of stock entered for the premiums those spectators interested in the work can witness it without being held back by a few people in front who are always present to obstruct a general view of such things.

The secretary reports that there are many entries on agricultural products and livestock in their several classes will be more plentiful than ever. The machinery pavilion has been enlarged so that there is fully 17,000 square feet of floor space for displaying farm machinery, carriages, wagons and other vehicles, etc.

The poultry pavilion is enlarged to the extent of an annex 42x75 feet, and the entire structure is equipped with new coops for the feathered beauties that will be entered for the ribbons and premiums. The superintendent of this department is Prof. James Dryden, of the poultry husbandry department of the Oregon Agricultural college. He is putting forth special efforts to make this exhibition of poultry the largest and most attractive in the history of the state fair. A section of the poultry building annex will be used for the Scotch Collie dog department.

The dairy department will be looked after by Paul V. Maris, one of the deputies to the state dairy commissioner. He will have a display of dairy and creamery products the like of which has never been seen on the fair grounds, and there will be a large display of dairy utensils by various dairy supply houses in the Pacific Northwest.

The racing at the fair will be of the best sort, as many horses of extraordinary speed have been entered for the rich purses that will be hung up. The race course is in splendid condition for record-breaking events.

There will be special amusement features during the day and evening hours, all of which are sure to attract many farmers and agriculturists who desire to take a short vacation at this time of the year.

## STATE FAIR NEXT MONTH

### ENTRIES OF LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WILL BE PLENTIFUL.

## FINE DAIRY DISPLAY

### Racing Will Be of Best Sort as Rich Purse Have Been Hung Up and Speedy Horses Will Be Entered.

The next Oregon State Fair will be the forty-eighth annual one in the history of the organization, and it will be conducted at Salem during the week of September, 13-18, under the direction of the Oregon State Board of Agriculture, the secretary of which is F. A. Welch and the president, W. F. Matlock. Several improvements are being made in the plan of the fair grounds, among which might be mentioned the construction of a massive concrete main entrance, flanked on either side by a commodious reinforced concrete administration building, in which will be located the offices of the board and which will be a very busy place during the week that the fair is in operation. This structure is located a few rods to the left of the former main "railroad" gate and with its spacious vestibule and electric turnstiles will afford easier access to the grounds for the great crowds of people who attend the fair during the entire week.

A most desirable change has been made in the locations of the principal restaurants and the poultry pavilion, all of which will be appreciated by the visitors in attendance at the fair of the future to be held on this ground. The altering of the grounds in this respect affords larger lawns and more spacious walks up to and in front of the main exhibition building and the livestock barns on the fair grounds.

A livestock judging arena, 106 feet wide by 212 feet in length, has been made in close proximity to the stock barns, so that during the time that the several judges are passing upon the classes of stock entered for the premiums those spectators interested in the work can witness it without being held back by a few people in front who are always present to obstruct a general view of such things.

The secretary reports that there are many entries on agricultural products and livestock in their several classes will be more plentiful than ever. The machinery pavilion has been enlarged so that there is fully 17,000 square feet of floor space for displaying farm machinery, carriages, wagons and other vehicles, etc.

The poultry pavilion is enlarged to the extent of an annex 42x75 feet, and the entire structure is equipped with new coops for the feathered beauties that will be entered for the ribbons and premiums. The superintendent of this department is Prof. James Dryden, of the poultry husbandry department of the Oregon Agricultural college. He is putting forth special efforts to make this exhibition of poultry the largest and most attractive in the history of the state fair. A section of the poultry building annex will be used for the Scotch Collie dog department.

The dairy department will be looked after by Paul V. Maris, one of the deputies to the state dairy commissioner. He will have a display of dairy and creamery products the like of which has never been seen on the fair grounds, and there will be a large display of dairy utensils by various dairy supply houses in the Pacific Northwest.

The racing at the fair will be of the best sort, as many horses of extraordinary speed have been entered for the rich purses that will be hung up. The race course is in splendid condition for record-breaking events.

There will be special amusement features during the day and evening hours, all of which are sure to attract many farmers and agriculturists who desire to take a short vacation at this time of the year.

## NEW BULLETIN ISSUED.

The August number of the Clackamas County Bulletin, the official publication of the Commercial Club, was issued from the press of the Oregon City Enterprise today. This number is fully up to the standard set by Secretary Davis, and contains six handsome half-tones of Clackamas County scenes, Cherries, peaches, currants and loganberries are splendidly illustrated and the beautiful roses of Oregon City are given a place. The photographic talent of the secretary comes well into play in securing the pictures to set off the number, which will be sent without charge anywhere in the United States or Canada, or any other place in the world upon request. Mr. Davis would like to have the name of any person, anywhere, who may be interested in the Northwest and particularly in Oregon, to add to his mailing list. There are 10,000 Bulletins in this issue and they will be mailed broadcast through the land to show the West just what we have here in the way of climate and resources. The first letters of Mr. Davis' title, "Secretary of Publicity Department," correspond with his name, S. P. Davis. This is regarded as a happy coincidence.

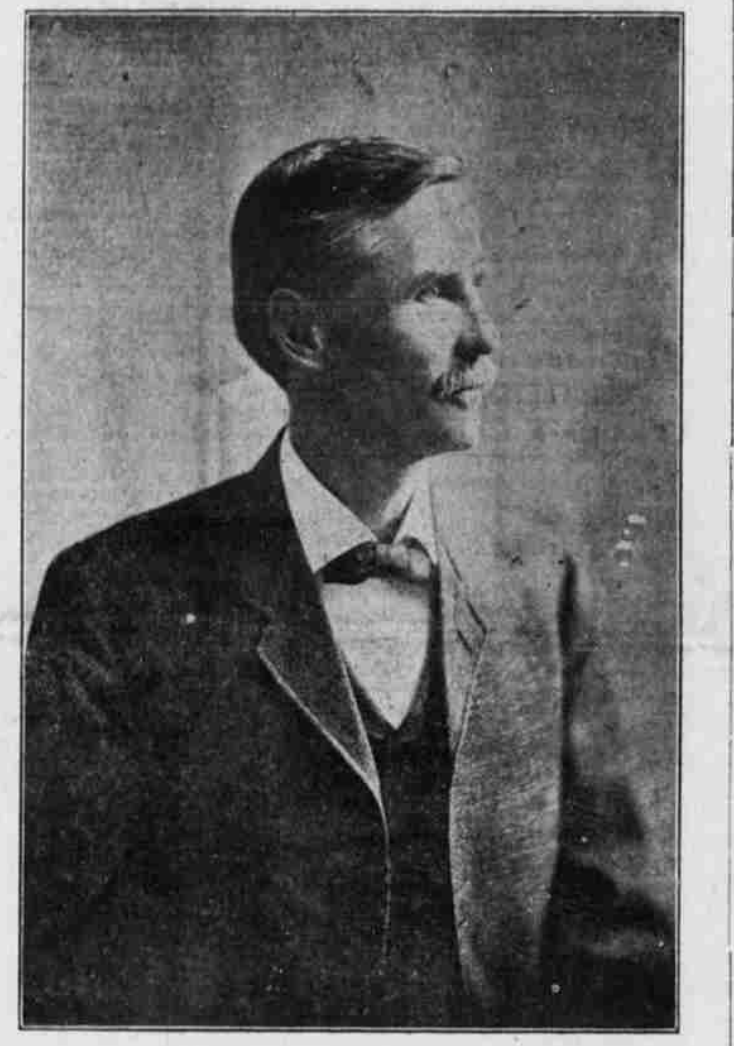
## MAKE READY FOR EXHIBIT

### COUNTY FAIR DIRECTORS ARE MAKING PLANS FOR THIRD ANNUAL DISPLAY.

## BUILDINGS ARE WHITE

### Grounds Have Been Cleared in the Grove and Camping Privileges Will be Extended for Four Days' Session.

At a recent meeting held in the court house of the Clackamas County Fair Association by the board of directors, a committee was appointed to make a full report at the next meeting, which will be held in the early part of September. The bills were allowed for building the new stables, and the buildings were ordered painted white with green trimmings. The large exhibit building has been painted, which adds much to its appearance.



W. S. U'REN, who is Fathering a New Constitutional Amendment to Centralize the Power in Oregon in the Hands of the Governor.

## SPRINGWATER RESIDENT DEAD

### William Wallis Taylor Came to Oregon From New York 25 Years Ago.

William Wallis Taylor died August 11 at Springfield, aged 74 years, eight months and 20 days. He was born in Cauca County, New York, November 22, 1835, and came to Springfield 25 years ago. In 1905 he went to Aurora, Marion County. Three children survive him, Otha, of Aurora; Mrs. Henry Miller, of Portland and one daughter in Michigan. Mr. Taylor was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a local preacher. The funeral was conducted by Rev. George Carnley, and the remains were laid to rest in the Springfield cemetery.

## FOREIGNERS WITH UNPROMISING NAMES MIX UP ON WEST SIDE.

When Greek meets Greek there is not always a tug of war and this was well illustrated Thursday night when Tom Mermenkes, armed with a small calibre revolver, chased Makes Sotereu up the main road in West Oregon City until Sotereu dashed into cover by seeking refuge at the home of Mrs. Jessie Smith. It was no tug of war, but simply a wild pursuit.

Mermenkes has fled. The police want him. Two charges have been filed against him in Justice of the Peace Samson's Court. Thursday morning he became subject to an assault and battery charge by beating Jimmie Economos, who swore out a warrant for the arrest of his countryman. Constable Miles went to Portland after Mermenkes, but the Greek doubled on his tracks and came back to Oregon City and created further trouble by lying in wait late Friday afternoon for Sotereu. Armed with the big stick Mermenkes laid behind a clump of rose bushes and swatted Sotereu as he passed. Not deigning to show fight, Sotereu took to his heels, closely followed by Mermenkes, who fired two shots, both going wild.

The Greeks, to the number of six or seven, have been living together in a house in West Oregon City. They speak little or no English and the cause of the trouble is almost impossible to determine. They all work in the paper mills, Mermenkes being employed by the Crown-Columbia Pulp & Paper Company. He has probably departed from the city and so far he has evaded capture.

## CLOSE NEXT WEDNESDAY

### LESS THAN A WEEK REMAINS FOR YOUNG LADIES TO WIN PRIZES.

## JOSIE CURRAN IN LEAD

### Mary Dale a Close Second—Hattie Hutchinson in Third Place—A Close Race is Promised Between These.

Next Wednesday night will mark the close of the subscription campaign inaugurated some eight weeks ago by the Enterprise, and in the next issue of the paper will be announced what young lady has secured for a very little spare time work the slightly \$200 lot in Oregon City and who will be the lucky ones to go to the beach and bask in the sunshine on the turf of the great Pacific sea.

More rewards have been offered by this publication than would have been thought possible by any other weekly county publication and the fair ones who have worked at all will be amply rewarded and while only one may secure the capital prize all will get more than value received.

Miss Josie Curran has kept the lead with a score of 56,525 to her credit, but Miss Dale has 53,575, a dangerous close second—and no report since Tuesday morning.

Hattie Hutchinson is in third place but it is near enough to the others to spring a surprise if she hustles.

All votes should reach the office Wednesday night by six o'clock.

Subscribers wishing to help any of the young ladies should send in their renewals at once.

The young ladies should see that none of their friends miss the opportunity to subscribe for the leading county weekly.

## WHEAT BRINGS FANCY PRICE.

### New Variety of Grain Sells For \$20 Per Bushel.

W. M. Stone, of Redland, was in Oregon City last week and brought with him a head of the new variety of wheat said to be a native of Alaska, but called by some the Egyptian seven headed wheat. Mr. Stone secured his start from his brother at Julietta, Idaho, who in turn got it from the man who claimed to have found the first stalks growing near the Fairbanks railroad in Alaska. Securing two heads he planted the grains and carefully cultivated them until a start was secured. The head Mr. Stone brought in has exceptionally large well filled grains that would number in the neighborhood of 275 to the head. It is a bearded wheat and of a fall variety. Mr. Stone thinks a yield of 175 bushels to the acre is a conservative estimate of this new variety.

Amiling concern of Minneapolis purchased a bushel of this new variety for the purpose of determining the quality of the flour.

The Idaho man who introduced the new variety readily disposed of all he produced at the rate of \$20 per bushel.

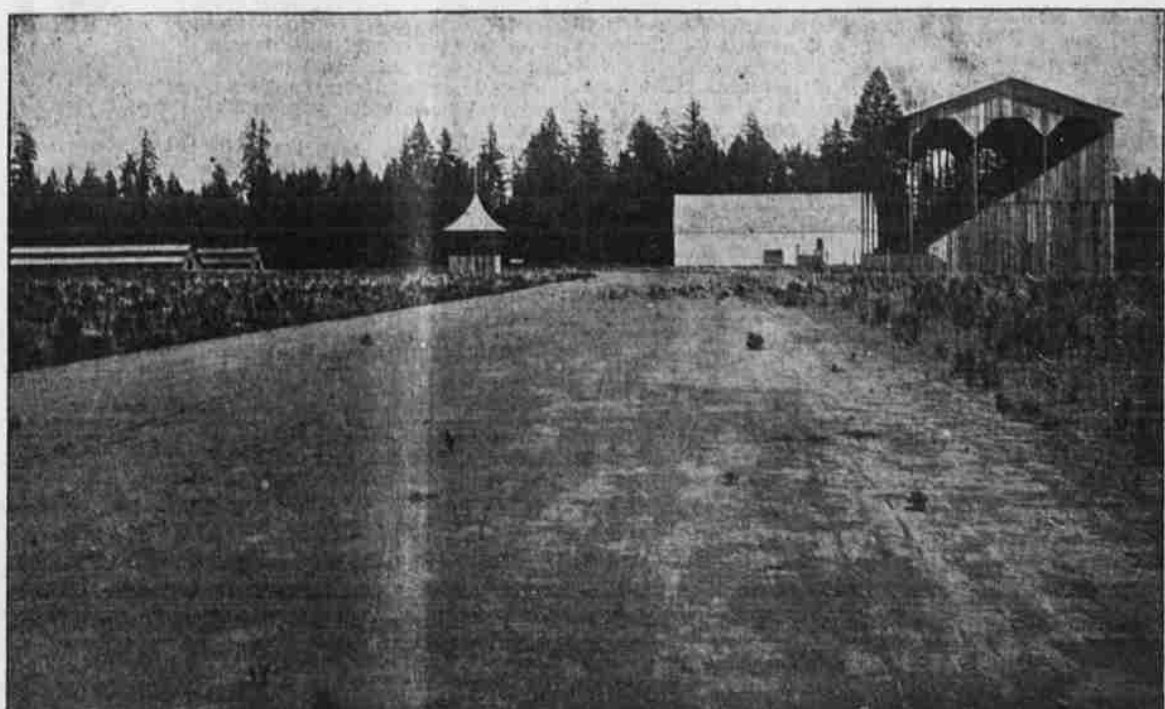
## LONGS FOR OREGON AT TIMES.

### Charles Niebecker Summoned Here by Brother's Illness.

Charles C. Niebecker, of Napa, California, was in Oregon City Monday. Mr. Niebecker formerly resided in this city for many years before going to Napa six years ago, and was summoned to Oregon by telegraph of the illness of his brother, who was stricken with paralysis while working in a hayfield on Monday. Mr. Niebecker's right side is paralyzed, and his condition is grave, as he is 67 years of age. He will be taken to California by his brother the latter part of the week if his health will permit him to make the trip. Charles Niebecker is in the employ of the government at Mare Island. He states that the weather of Napa is delightful with cool nights, but many times he longs for Oregon, his old home.

## Bumper Crop of Potatoes.

George Grown, the commission merchant, of New Era, was in Oregon City last week on a business trip. Mr. Brown has in nearly 40 acres of potatoes this season. He states that the prospects are for a bumper crop. Last season he planted 47 acres to spuds and the returns were highly satisfactory.



CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS AND RACE TRACK NEAR CANBY.

(Continued from page 4.)

## NEWSPAPERS GIVE BEST RETURNS TO ADVERTISERS.

H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., a large wholesale firm doing business in Honolulu has declared that bill board advertising does not pay. Mr. Hackfeld says that goods advertised by their firm on bill boards do not find as ready sale as where publicity is gained through other sources; he further states that after careful study of the subject the firm decided that a systematic campaign of advertising through the columns of the newspapers was productive of better results than could be gained by any other method. Business men throughout the entire country are beginning to realize the fact that advertising by means objectionable to the public is not productive of the good results the amount of expenditure would warrant.