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IT'S COST.

They are figuring now on how much money was spent in Portland by visitors at the Exposition, and the aggregate is named at 20,000,000 dollars, which is not unlikely. The population of Oregon is approximately 500,000. Of the number probably eighty per cent or 400,000 visited the Fair. The cost to each averaged from perhaps $20 to $50. Of course some spent $200 or $300 on the two or three trips they made. This is not an overestimate of the number or the amount spent, for it is difficult to find a person who did not attend, and it is equally difficult to find many that did attend who are flush now, as evidenced by the slow way in which they pay newspaper subscriptions. The Oregon people alone spent $10,000,000 to $12,000,000 to say nothing of the millions spent by other Northwest people and Easterners. It was a great harvest for Portland hotels, boarding houses, merchants and saloons, for it is they who profited. The profit to the interior who paid such heavy tribute to the Fair, will doubtless come in good time.

MIKE'S DILEMMA.

Has Mike Kline no friends who can point out to him the dilemma into which he is drifting, and advise him to give up this fool scheme on which he is bent? Have not three juries pronounced his plan a failure, his joint a cheat, and himself, a badly mistaken man? Have not juries of as good men as the county affords three times to a man pronounced him guilty as charged, and has he not been as many times sentenced by the court allbecause of his fool plan for selling booze when the law says it shall not be sold? Have either of his lawyers produced in court a single decision of the higher courts where such a place as he runs can exist with a local option law in effect?

With $1,000 in fines, and more to come against the man, and with 20 days and more for him to serve in jail, all without a single ray of hope in the higher courts, will none of his friends point out to him his position, and advise him to close up this shebang that the people, the courts, the laws, and three juries have declared shall not run? It would look like the men on his bonds and those yet to go on future bonds, would point out to him not only the position into which he is drifting, but into which he is dragging them. These fines will have to be paid. These sentences have to be served. The juries are not a jest, the courts not a hoax, the laws of the land are not a joke.

THEIR AWFUL FATE.

The newspapers are full now of accounts of an inhuman traffic in young girls who are enticed by procuresses and shipped from Chicago to the interior of China where they enter the harems of Chinese mandarins, who pay $500 to $1,000 for them. The matter is of vital interest to young women, who should be warned by the circumstances of the case. It is known that more than 100 girls have been shipped from Chicago alone, to say nothing of the operations of the syndicate in other cities. Advertisements appear in the newspapers inviting girls to accept lucrative positions in San Francisco. These advertisements are attractive, and generally state that the girl is wanted as a companion for an invalid lady, and must be willing to travel abroad, all expenses to be paid. These advertisements have more than once been received at the TIMES office for insertion.

The story is that when a girl is found without relatives or friends who might make trouble, transportation is forwarded her, and she is shipped to an agency in San Francisco, and from there sent to China. That is the end, for none have ever come back.

RABER'S PLAN.

It Gave Him This Year an Average Yield of Thirty Bushels of Wheat.

The average yield of wheat this season on a farm near Corvallis was 30 bushels per acre. One field gave a product of 34 bushels per acre, and thereby hangs a tale. It is the farm of Elmer Raber, and on it scientific farming is in progress. In the several years that Mr. Raber has owned the farm, though he has grown large crops of hay, not a pound of it has ever been sold. Though large stacks of straw have been the residue of the threshing day, not a straw of it has ever been burned. All the hay has been fed to cattle or other livestock, so that it might again go back into the soil and aid in restoring the original fertility. All the straw has been converted, by using it as bedding and feed, into manure and spread over the fields to give them back some of that virgin richness with whichnature once impregnated them

Every year the process of spreading manure on the fields goes on on Elmer Raber's farm. It is a laborious process, but it pays. Sometimes seven or eight acres are thus covered, and sometimes a dozen. Little by little, year by year, his acres are getting back to what they once were. His clover and his vetch, his wheat and his oats, his cattle and other livestock, are admired by all who happen on the place. A hundred of his acres do more for Elmer Raber in a year than do 300 acres for many another farmer, from the standpoint of what they give up in annual yield. And most of all, in the meantime, every acre by reason of their fast increasing fertility, are gradually doubling in value, and when he comes to sell them, if he ever takes a notion to do it, then he will get back a big remuneration for the time and toil spent in improving the quality of his land. Besides, saying nothing of the bigger and better crops, there is the satisfaction of looking around day by day, on fields and crops, hogs and cattle that are not puny and thriftless, but the thriftiest and best that can produced. Thirty-four bushels of wheat this year when many a farmer watched with downcast face the slender stream of grain pouring from his thresher and learned later that his yield was eight, ten, a dozen bushels only,—that is the reward for giving back to the land something in exchange for that hourly, daily, yearly contribution that we take from it.

THE DATE FIXED.

For Poultry Show—To be held in Corvallis—Will be a big Affair.

It has been determined to hold another poultry show in Corvallis. The date is from November 30th to December 2nd inclusive. Plans were discussed at the annual meeting of the Corvallis Poultry Association held in Corvallis Thursday evening. Many members of the association were in attendance, and there was much enthusiasm. The showing made by some of the Benton county fanciers at the big poultry show at the Portland Fair was a factor in contributing to the hopeful spirit. Another factor is that the show by the same society last year was one of the most successful early shows ever held in the Northwest, and at the Exposition many of the exhibitors expressed a desire to participate in another at Corvallis.

The show this year is to be far more elaborate than that of last season introducing features not embodied in the former meeting. The executive board is empowered for the arrangement of all details, save those placed in the hands of committees on ways and means and advertising.

A further feature of Thursday evening's meeting was the annual election of officers, which was as follows:

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WASHINGTONIANS HERE.

Pullman Players Have Arrived, and are at Hotel Corvallis.

The Pullman men arrived yesterday afternoon for the game with Steckle's bunch, and are at Hotel Corvallis. Four of them, Stewart, center, Sapp, tackle, Morgan, guard and Goldworthy, end, were here two years ago in a game in which the score was, OAC, 5; Washington, 0. The understauding is that in the game with Willamette Wednesday, the Washingtonians were at a disadvantage because the field on which they played was soft sawdust, while they are accustomed to a hard, dry field, on which the fast play they use is more effective. A fast field is what they will have here, and a hot game, with uncertain outcome is likely. This is especially true, since in every game there is an element of luck which often affects the score materially. This luck was with Willamette at Salem, Wednesday, and it may be with the Washingtonians this afternoon, They tell it that Dr. Steckle, who saw Wednesday's game, would feel relieved if the game was over and won by his men.

According to the reports which came down ahead of the visitors, their linemen average 192, the back field, 174, and the entire team 183 pounds to the man. Captain Stewart at center, weighs, 200, Morgan and Collins, guards, 190; Sapp. 185 and Thayer, 208, tackles, Goldsworth and Weller, 185, ends; Miner and Spaulding, quarter, 165; Nissen and Jones, halves, 165; and Hardy, 201, fullback.

THE SHORTAGE PAID.

Deficit in the Accounts of the Late Police Judge Made Good.

The shortage of E. P. Greffoz, for so many years police judge of Corvallis, has been made good. The family home has been turned over to the city on a valuation of $1,500 and the balance of the shortage has been made up in cash. The total of the shortage was about $2,040. It was as all remember, due to the failure of Mr. Greffoz to turn over to the treasurer, a portion of the sewer assessments paid into his hands. No surmise of the deficit had ever suggested itself to anybody, and nothing was known of it until Mr. Greffoz in letters to friends in Corvallis briefly announced the facts. The nature of the shortage was suchthat it is not likely that it ever would have been discovered, no less than three committees of the city council having investigated the books of the office and reported everything correct and straight,—all after the shortage began.

The settlement was made Tuesday, when the deed to the home of Mr. Greffoz was signed and delivered to the city. It goes in on a valuation of $1 500, and the remainder of the deficit is paid in cash by the sisters of Mr, Greffoz The settlement was authorized by unanimous vote of the council on the recommendation of the finance committee, consisting of Lilly, Avery and Hout.

Mr. Greffoz is now employed at the Thurston sawmill on the headwaters of the Calipooia, in Linn county. He has been in town for several days, but left Thursday to resume his duties.

Sale of Water Bonds.

Sealed proposals will be received by the clerk of the Water Committee of the City of Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon, until October 30th, 1905, at six o'clock p. m. for the purchase of part or all of $75,000 bond issue of said city, to be dated on or about January 1, 1906.

Said bonds are authorized by speci l legisl-ative act of [Session Laws 1905, page 156], were sanctioned by an election held July 6, 1905, at which there were 278 votes for and 106 votes against and are to be issued to payfor the construction of a gravity water works system, bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum, in denomination of from $100 to $1,000 payable semi-annually, and principle and interess are payable at Corvallis, Oregon, in U. S. gold coin 40 years after date of issue, at the rate of $2,000 annually after 7 years, with option to pay entire issue at end of the years or any time thereafter.

The assessed valuation of the city of Corvallis, 1904, was $834,850 of which the actual value is $1,250,000; population within corporate limits 2400; no bonded debt, general warrant indebtedness, $22,000 of which $15,000 is for construction of sewer system. making a total municipal indebtedness, with said proposed issue $97 000; no other indebtedness contemplated: entire proceeds of these bonds to be used directly for water system; agricultural community.

Said Water Committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Each offer must be accompanied by a certified check for 2 per cent of amount of bid, to be forfeited if bid is accepted and not completed.

September 9, 1905. S, L. KLINE, Clerk.

HER DEATH.

And Funeral—Mrs. Garrett Long—Passed Away at Family Home Wednesday.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Garrett Long, wife and mother in a well known Benton county family, occurred from the late home, five miles southwest of Corvallis, Thursday afternoon. Death occurred after an extended illness, at seven o'clock Wednesday morning. It had been known for some time that the end could not be long postponed, though it was not expected so soon, The funeral was widely attended, old neighbors and friends assembling for miles around to pay a last tribute of respect. The service was conducted by Rev. Green of the Congregational church. The interment was in Newton cemetery.

Mary Small was born in Addis county, Missouri. January 16, 1841. With her parents she crossed the plains to Oregon in 1853. Later the family went to California, where in 1861 she was united in marriage to Garrett Long. In 1862, Mr. and Mrs. Long returned to Oregon, but a year later, went to Washington and settled at Dayton. In 1888 they returned to Benton county, settling on the farm where they have since resided, but which was recently sold to a Washington man. A few weeks ago, Mr. and Mrs, Long determined to move to Corvallis to settle and spend their time at ease, and with this end in view purchased the Buxton residence property, which has since been fitted up with much care for their occupancy. Almost at the moment when they were ready to occupy the place, Mrs. Long, still at the farm home was stricken with disease. She did not live to a realization of the plan, but at the age of 64 years and nine months, passed over.

The surviving members of the family are the husband, Garrett Long, two daughters. Mrs. William Kittredge of Silver Lake, and Mrs. O. L. Davis. of Corvallis; six sons, J. R. Long, Nez Perce, Idaho; H. W. Long, Gold City, Oregon; M. B., M. P., M. M. and O. B. Long all of Benton county. All the members of the family are most estimable people and hosts of friends join with them in mourning the passing of a sainted wife, mother and friend.

HONEST HEARTS.

Honest Hearts gives the keynote of the new pastoral comedy of that name in which Alma Hearn and her excellent company will offer here next Friday night. Life on an old Kentucky farm is reproduced in a sincere and wholesome play that seems bound to be of deep interest from start to finish. The author has introduced original types having the local peculiarities touched with humor and has spun a pretty romance in a fascinating manner around the central figure of "Dad's only girl," a country beauty. The play like all of Klimt & Gazzolo's is full of good fun and many scenes rich in detail and picturesqueness.