

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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HOW THE PRIZE WAS WON OREGON HAD BEST WOOL EXHIBIT, BUT ONLY A SMALL ONE. Wool Men Failed to Keep Their Promises, and Commissioner Had to Hustle a Display Together. BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 8. (To the Editor.)—I beg to confirm my telegram sent to you last evening, as follows: Again Oregon occupies a front seat on a velvet chair. Our collective wool exhibit was given the highest award and gold medal this morning by the jury. They also recommended a special gold medal for the Dalles scouring mill. All other individual exhibitors received a diploma of "honorable mention," which is the highest award given to individual exhibitors. In explanation I beg to say that under the rules of this exposition, only whole fleeces were to be considered by the jury, either individually or collectively. Knowing these rules, before leaving Portland I asked the president of one of the largest sheep and land companies, as well as a number of other leading sheep and wool men, for fleeces to be exhibited, and each and all promised to help. Since coming here I wrote to several wool men before the Oregon Wool-growers' convention came off, to send me some fleeces from their exhibits. That is the last I heard of it. This put us in a very tight box here. I was at my wits' end to know what to do when requested a few days ago to prepare our wool exhibit for the judges. I realized I had no fleeces to exhibit. I would be here to examine the exhibits, and that it would never do to leave Oregon out, as it meant a great deal to us commercially. I realize the judges would never won fair prize, we took our few fleeces, with the staples of wool tied in rows, most of which I had left over from the World's Fair to the place designed for the wool exhibit. These staples and frames I obtained from Joseph Wilkins, Coburg; Charles E. Ladd, Portland; Dr. James Withycombe, Chicago; Richard Scott, Milwaukee; B. Miller, Geyers (Angora goat), and the three bales of scoured wool from The Dalles Scouring Mills. Right alongside us was a number of fleeces from the Argentine Republic, with its immense wool exhibit; Missouri, New York, and many other fine exhibits, and Oregon was only a handful, so to speak. But here again quality and not quantity won the day. The judges repeatedly came back to our exhibit to re-examine it, and finally said to me: "This certainly was a generous thing to do, and was decidedly gratifying to us. The judges also said: 'We shall recommend a gold medal for your scoured wool, which is the cleanest, whitest and finest we ever saw.' Now right here I want to say that it is a unanimous award, and Oregon to me, and a duty I consider it, to register a kick, if you will allow me to use so common a term, but nothing else seems to fit the case quite so well. The judges' commendation is so difficult to do something for our state. We have such abundance in the state and it could be displayed at no expense to our people, since our commission says the freight and express charges are to be paid by the exhibitor. But when men who are at the head of affairs fall to do their duty or fulfill their promises, then it becomes painfully discouraging and a thing to be hoped for that some one in the very front rank commercially and industrially, where the state rightfully belongs, HENRY E. DOSCH.

ON TRIAL FOR MANSLAUGHTER Dr. Von Grunigen's Defense in the Homicide at Bethany. Dr. A. Von Grunigen was placed on trial yesterday on a charge of murder in the second degree, in having killed Fred Berstecher on April 23, last, near Bethany. The two men quarreled, and the defendant struck Berstecher on the head and temple with a gun, the blow proving fatal. The jury selected to try the case comprises the following named persons: James W. Applegate, Point Olsen, R. B. Knight, A. Niblin, John Saylor, Albert N. Rice, J. H. Reinhart, John Fancher, I. Sichel, H. R. Nelson, and E. Buckman, Clatsop county. District Attorney Chamberlain and his assistant, John Manning, are engaged in the prosecution of the case, and A. R. and E. Mendenhall appear for the defense. In his opening statement to the jury Mr. Chamberlain was very brief. He related the circumstances attending the commission of the deed, and said it was done without provocation. Defendant's counsel, in addressing the jury, stated that the evidence showed that Von Grunigen owned 100 acres of land from Joseph Leonard in 1885, and that Berstecher squatted on two acres of it, notwithstanding the lease, and endeavored to remove the same. The value of the improvements; that Berstecher tore down Von Grunigen's fences, let the stock out, killed his hogs, shot his dog, and threatened to burn Von Grunigen's house. Von Grunigen took a knife, said he would fix the whole family, and quarreled constantly with them, and they obtained no redress in the courts. At the time Von Grunigen killed Berstecher, counsel stated Berstecher struck at him with a pickaxe, and he was also armed with a shovel, and Von Grunigen struck him with the gun in self-defense. The coroner's jury in its verdict favored the self-defense theory, but a grand jury which afterwards investigated the case, concluded to return an indictment. Von Grunigen has been at liberty since his arrest, on bail.

PROMPT ACTION SAVES LIFE Neighbors Rescue Mrs. T. Barnes From Burning to Death. Mrs. T. Barnes, living at 11 Grand avenue, near East Broadway street, was severely burned at her home by the explosion of a can of gasoline at 9:30 yesterday morning. Through the presence of her neighbors, prompt assistance was rendered, and she was saved from being fatally burned. The gasoline can was in one of the rooms with the vent open. It was ignited in an unknown manner, probably from a match, and the explosion followed. In her efforts to extinguish the flames, Mrs. Barnes caught fire, and her daughter was in the room and her hands were also burned. Hearing the cries for help, the neighbors rushed into the house. Without delay they hastily wrapped Mrs. Barnes in blankets and smothered out the fire. She undoubtedly would have burned to death but for the help from her neighbors. Dr. R. H. Bates was at once summoned, and dressed her burns and administered an opiate to relieve her sufferings. Her mouth was scoured, and she inhaled some ether. Last evening she was resting as comfortably as could be expected. Dr. Bates said while her burns are severe, he did not think there would be serious results. An alarm of fire was turned in from box 25, but the services of the firemen were not required. There was no damage to the house.

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