

BEST FAIR IN STATE

Washington Will Show Products Next Monday.

NORTH YAKIMA IS HOST

Racetrack Improved, Grandstand Enlarged and a Special Building Put Up for the Art Exhibit.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—The Washington State Fair will open next Monday, and will continue its week. It will be the best fair ever held in Yakima or the state.

Among the improvements made is a change in the racetrack, the enlargement of the grandstand to almost double its original capacity and the building of an art hall, to be used for the display of art and fancy work.

The premium list contains a greater number of premiums than were given at any previous fair. These premiums will amount to nearly \$25,000.

The Yakima Kiwanis club has been completed and it insures many new horses for Yakima this year.

A feature of the fair will be the big display of livestock. There will be the usual display of livestock here that will return from the Portland Fair the next of the week.

The county exhibit will be a continuing success. The number of the state will take part in this special premium has been arranged for the West Side exhibitors.

Yakima is getting up a baby show that will attract attention. It is to be held at the first of the entries are for 2-year-olds or under.

There will be a Seattle delegation here on Thursday and the Boosters of Tacoma will come here Monday. The John Hoff, Special rates will be given from all points on the West Side, and many people will take advantage of them.

The City of North Yakima is prepared to take care of all who come within her borders. There is extra hotel room, and private families will have those who cannot get accommodations at the hotel.

FAIR BRINGS PURCHASERS.

Farm Lands Near Colfax Are Bringing Good Prices.

COLFAX, Wash., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Two important sales of farm lands were made near here Monday. The John Hoff, main farm, eight miles southeast of Colfax, sold for \$7 an acre.

There is a strong demand for good farm lands and many Eastern farmers, who visited the Exposition at Portland, are stopping off here and buying land. Good farms sell for from \$45 to \$55 per acre and the prices are advancing.

SAYS HE IS VICTIM OF PLOT

Wealthy Umatilla Rancher Weeps When Sentence Is Pronounced.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—"I am an innocent man; I am a victim of a diabolical plot in which my divorced wife was implicated," were the words of Moses Taylor, the wealthy Umatilla wheat raiser, today, when asked by Judge Miles whether he had anything to say as to his conviction of the crime of attempted arson.

Taylor was convicted last June for the crime of attempted arson on the farm of John Baister, a neighbor. Baister is said to have been incited to Baister for appearing against him during his trial for divorce and tried to "get even" by forming a plot to burn down Baister's barn.

BERRY PATCH IS A GOLD MINE

Payallup Man Claims World's Record for Production.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—What is believed to be the record crop of blackberries for the world was grown this season by Peter Philben, of Payallup. Mr. Philben has already picked and marketed from one acre of evergreen blackberries more than 100 crates of berries that have netted him \$50. The patch is still bearing, and Mr. Philben expects to pick 300

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