

SPOKANE FAIR DRAWS BIG CROWD

Over 110,000 People Attend Week's Attractions in Inland City.

BREAKS FORMER RECORDS

Draws Larger Attendance Than Oregon State Fair and Country Club Show Combined—More Entertainment Offered.

BY WILL G. MAC RAE.

Perfectly managed and with splendid weather in its favor, the Spokane Interstate Fair closed Saturday night, and it is estimated that during the week of the fair between 110,000 and 115,000 persons paid admissions at the gate. This is a great deal larger than the week's attendance at the Oregon State Fair, held at Salem this year, and in strange contrast with the attendance at the fine stock show and harness races given by the Country Club at Portland. The Spokane Interstate Fair has been admirably handled for several years by men who knew that it was necessary to give the public something else besides a few harness races and fat stock to look at, and by paying as much attention to the class of amusements offered to the public as they did to having fine animals and running races, they have each year swelled the attendance to the fair, until this year they have broken all previous records.

To the casual observer, the fact that Spokane could send 110,000 people in one week to its fair, while Portland could send only between 20,000 and 25,000 (paid admissions) to the fine stock show by the Country Club, and Oregon could only send 60,000 to the State Fair at Salem, these figures will undoubtedly be surprising. The fact that so many people saw the fair at Spokane can be easily accounted for. First, in addition to catering to both ends of the racing scale, that is, the high-class and the low-class, the Spokane Fair management has placed on the grounds only high-class amusements, a thing that the Oregon Fair management has rather neglected until this year. It was these varied amusements that took the crowds inside the fair gates, and kept them coming back, both afternoon and night, during the week. Another thing that swelled the crowd is the fact that Spokane is a city of between 50,000 and 60,000, and those who live in the city and cannot attend the fair in the afternoon turn out to see the amusements at night.

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Salem wakes up one day a week during the fair, and they turn out to the fair grounds, not so much because they are interested, but because they want to make a showing against the attendance on Portland day. Last year the only evidence that Salem gave that the State Fair was on was the crowd on the street and a banner that the street railroad company hung to guide the people to the fair grounds. Not a window in any of the business houses contained a card of notice about the fair. Even the hotels were so indifferent that, unless rooms were engaged weeks in advance, the hotel was made to care for the visiting public, and several hundred Portland people who would have remained at the fair for several days, were forced to return home because they could not find accommodations, and because the hotel people refused to take the trouble to fit rooms to which they could send the overflow. At one of the hotels last year one of Oregon's distinguished statesmen was told after he had registered that "the would have to take his chances with the rest" in getting a room.

Oregon Fair Has Advantage.

When it comes to the livestock exhibit and the high-class racing, the Oregon State Fair shows its largest than that at Spokane, and the fields in the harness races are a great deal larger. Another great advantage that the Oregon State Fair has is the excellent fast mile track at Salem. At Spokane the track is only half a mile, and the opportunities for lowering records, or giving horses sensational marks, is practically out of the question. Then, too, at Spokane the management gives several big stakes for running events, and this year, in spite of the fact that there was no betting at Spokane, some very high-class thoroughbreds ran at the stake events. There was a time when the Oregon State Fair management allowed the owners to share some of the big stakes, but for some unknown reason, they have seen fit to pass up the thoroughbreds almost entirely. This same mistake was made by the management of the Country Club. If Spokane can give stakes for the owners of thoroughbreds, as well as for pacers and trotters, there is no reason why the Oregon State Fair management and the officials of the Country Club cannot do the same.

There is no use trying to deny it, the thoroughbred has just as firm a hold on the public as either pacers or trotters, and while a mixed meeting is not the most desirable, it will attract the public. The fact that the attendance at the races at Salem fell below that of Spokane, and that the attendance at the Country Club livestock show and races was so small, was not due, as some would have it believed, to the absence of betting. For two years now there has been no bookmaking at the Oregon State Fair, and yet the attendance has increased each year. Betting, or the absence of betting, was not what kept people away—it was simply

because, beyond the livestock and the races, there was nothing to attract the people. This was especially so of the Country Club. This was not the fault of the management. They simply did not have time to put in other attractions, and it was a truly wonderful bit of work to get the track in a splendid condition and to have the plant in racing shape in the short time that they had.

State Fair Needs Amusements.

The daily and nightly amusement programme furnished by the Spokane management was what took the people to the grounds, and the entertainment they enjoyed once inside the gate, brought them back each day. After spending one day at the Oregon State Fair, one could see everything that is really worth seeing. What has saved the fair has been its very high-class harness races. This was made possible by having up pieces that horsemen could afford to stay at home and race for, instead of going over the grand circuit. At Spokane, the night programme was as carefully selected as that given during the day, while at Salem there never was much to attract the public back to the grounds beyond a few speakers or a concert or two. There were no pony races to attract the attention of the children, no race features such as they give each year at Spokane. The secret is that at Spokane the management gives the public what it wants in the way of amusements, and the people in turn make good by spending their money at the gate.

Next year, with things better in hand, the Oregon State Fair management will give the people what they want. The grounds will be in better condition and the facilities for reaching the track will be vastly improved, and perhaps the Oregon State Fair management will take a lesson from Spokane's

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Robber Kills Officer

SHOOT PATROLMAN AND THEN MAKES GETAWAY.

Seattle Burglar, Intercepted in His Work, Kills Policeman with Bullets and Escapes.

SEATTLE, Oct. 11.—Shot down in the performance of his duty, F. E. Hand, 39 years old, a patrolman employed by the West & Surry Detective Agency, was instantly killed by a burglar whom he interrupted while attempting to break into Federal Bar, at Third avenue and Pine street, about 3:30 this morning. The burglar is at large.

Residing in the hotel above the saloon heard four shots, and, ignorant of the occasion of the firing, called police headquarters. When the officers arrived, they found the burglar in the barroom, lying partly inside and partly without the lavatory, intervening between the saloon and the alley, the body of Hand, stiff in death.

Three shots had taken effect, on the pit of the stomach, a second in the left side, probably penetrating the heart, and a third in the right arm. Hand had been shot down without a chance to draw his revolver.

Lying near him was a pinch-bar which the robber or robbers had been using in an effort to force open the door to the barroom. One man saw some one hurrying off, but did not get a good look at him in the darkness. No witnesses saw the crime.

Hand was single, and he has no known relatives.

During last night four different attempts were made to break into the bar, and the same men, to enter buildings in that vicinity.

Bags Deer Near Albany

Traveler Kills Animal Within Four Miles of City.

ALBANY, Or., Oct. 11.—(Special.)—A deer was killed within four miles of Albany yesterday, the first instance of the kind in 30 years. W. T. Dickinson, of Crabtree, was driving to Albany when he saw a deer in a field on the place of Mrs. William Jordan. He went to three different farmhouses before he finally secured a rifle, and returning, found the deer yet standing in the same place and killed it at the first shot.

The animal had apparently been driven down from the foothills by hunters and getting so far down in the valley was badly scared by its unusual surroundings.

Taft Club at Kalama.

KALAMA, Wash., Oct. 11.—(Special.)—The permanent organization of the Taft Club was effected here last night, with a good-sized membership. The following officers were elected: President, State Senator A. L. Mattson; first vice-president, G. D. Peck; second vice-president, Spencer Kerby; third vice-president, L. P. Jones; fourth vice-president, J. H. Hockett; secretary, E. N. Howe; assistant secretary, Homer Kerby. The purpose of the club is to advance the interests of Republicanism in this community.

After the House Show, Perkins Grill, souvenir for the ladies.

POSSE HUNTS NEGRO

Train Waits During Search for Colored Porter.

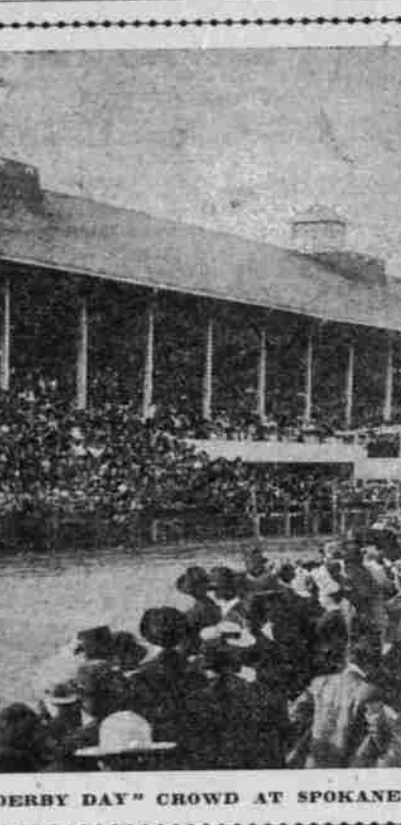
STRIKES DOWN TRAVELER

Has Words With Commercial Man and Hits Him Over Head, Then Jumps From Train—Threats of Lynching Are Made.

GARFIELD, Wash., Oct. 11.—(Special.)—Just as the train on the Northern Pacific from Spokane to Lewiston was pulling into Garfield this evening, Oscar Travis, said to be a commercial traveler, was struck down by a colored porter, the porter using an iron bar rolled up in a napkin, striking the traveler a terrible blow on the head.

The traveler, it is said, had previously had words with the colored man, and the porter, resenting the treatment from the traveler, determined to put an end to his adversary.

As soon as the man was struck down the porter jumped from the train and made his escape in the darkness. A posse



PHOTOGRAPH OF "DERBY DAY" CROWD AT SPOKANE INTERSTATE FAIR.

of men started out to hunt the would-be murderer, and Dr. Dix was sent for to care for the bleeding and bruised victim. The train has been sidetracked here for the past hour, and may remain until the porter is brought in, as it is thought he is hiding somewhere in the neighborhood. Probably try to make his escape by the O. R. & N. or the Inland which are due here late this evening.

There is great excitement here and talk of lynching the "nigger" by the men on the train if he is caught. The porter's name could not be learned. He is about 20, and his father conducts a barbershop.

WITNESSES FROM CURRY

Twelve Subpoenas Served for Land Case in Federal Court.

GOLD BEACH, Or., Oct. 11.—(Special.)—The following witnesses were subpoenaed by Deputy United States Marshal Griffin to appear before the United States District Court at Portland, Monday, October 12: B. W. Dean and wife, A. J. Marsh and wife, William R. Hurst, George W. Curry, Mrs. L. Knapp, E. W. Jensen, A. A. Jamieson, George Forty, County Clerk George W. Smith and Sheriff E. E. Marston.

The case to be tried is that of the United States vs. the Pacific Coast Furniture & Lumber Co. and others implicated in alleged timber land frauds. The defendants from this county are J. Huntley, F. A. Stewart, Ames S. Johnston and John R. Miller.

WARSHIP DUE ON TUESDAY

Pacific Fleet Returning From Cruise to Samoa.

HONOLULU, Oct. 11.—A wireless telegram has been received from Rear-Admiral Swinburne, commanding the Pacific fleet, returning from his cruise to Samoa with torpedo destroyers in tow, announcing that the West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and South Dakota, with the torpedo destroyers Terry, Preble, Stewart and Hull will arrive here next Tuesday.

The Tennessee, Washington and California, with the Texas, Hopkins and Whipple, were three days behind and will arrive Friday.

Rear-Admiral Swinburne reports "all well."

RETURNING ACCUSED MAN

J. G. Webster, Alleged Embezzler, on His Way to Seattle.

OAKLAND, Oct. 11.—Jease G. Webster, wanted in Seattle on an embezzlement charge and whose presence in this city was made known to the police through his injury in an automobile accident a few weeks ago, was taken to the North-ern city by Chief of Police Ward, of Seattle, today, having offered no objection to extradition.

Webster is accused of embezzling \$6000 from the Cascade Laundry Company of Seattle.

Farmers Need Rain Badly.

ALBANY, Or., Oct. 11.—(Special.)—Rain is badly needed by the farmers of the Willamette Valley. The ground is yet too hard to permit of plowing, and the usual lack of rain is delaying the planting season. By making the season later, Fall grain may be endangered.

New Catholic Church at Scio.

ALBANY, Or., Oct. 11.—(Special.)—A Catholic church will soon be erected at Scio. Rev. Father Arthur Lane, rector of the local Roman Catholic Church, is perfecting plans for this new church. Since Father Lane took charge of the Albany church, new Catholic churches have been established at Lebanon,

Brownville and Jefferson. In the two former towns old churches were secured, and remodeled and a new building was erected at Jefferson. All of these churches are in charge of Father Lane, who has also been conducting services at Scio, where the next church is to be erected.

SHOW GAIN IN BUILDING

Portland and Spokane Only Coast Cities to Report Increase.

Building operations for the month of September, according to statistics compiled by the American Contractor of Chicago from reports received from 45 cities of the country, show an increase of 7 per cent over September, 1907.

Portland is listed with the cities showing an increased percentage, Spokane being the only other Coast city with an increase over last year. The gain this year for Portland is 4 per cent, and Spokane gained 15 per cent. Los Angeles shows a loss of 23 per cent and Seattle a loss of 8 per cent.

In total valuations of new buildings, Los Angeles had in September, \$48,700; Spokane, \$48,200; Salt Lake, \$37,000; and further east Denver had \$1,000,000; Kansas City, \$1,207,910; Omaha, \$473,800; Indianapolis, \$313,236; Duluth, \$294,922; Buffalo, \$244,000; Baltimore, \$244,150; St. Paul, \$202,822. Seattle had a total of \$1,048,853, this unusual amount being accounted for by reason of the exposition buildings figuring to a considerable extent. The total of Portland was \$772,335, which is far in advance of that of Eastern cities of similar size and population.

Chicago shows a loss of 6 per cent, while New York gained 14. The highest gain was scored by Paterson, N. J., which



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FINDS FRAUDS IN BOOKS

EXPERT ACCOUNTANT REPORTS ON SOUTH BEND ACCOUNTS.

Alleges Crooked Work in Building South Bend-Willapa Road—Says City Treasurer Also Irregular.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Oct. 11.—(Special.)—George B. Clark, expert accountant, who has been at work on the county records since last April, has made his final report to the County Commissioners. In his first report, made several weeks ago, Mr. Clark dealt entirely with official malfeasance but this last installment deals solely with alleged frauds committed in the building of the South Bend-Willapa road.

Mr. Clark first shows that the total cost of the road, which was generally believed to have been in the neighborhood of \$20,000, was \$40,937.97. He then goes on to show that the contract was not awarded to the lowest bidder, as the law provides; that the advertising bids, letting of contracts and, in fact, nearly the entire matter of building the road was left entirely in the hands of W. R. Gray, Commissioner for the Third district. He further states that the resurvey made by County Engineer H. A. Gibbs shows that the entire cost of grading the road from South Bend to Willapa should have been \$23,242, whereas the contractor, John Carmody, was

CAME WEST IN OX TEAM

Mrs. Leodisa Landess, of Hillsboro, Was Pioneer of 1852.

HILLSBORO, Or., Oct. 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. Leodisa Ingram Landess died at her home in this city Friday morning, after an illness of six months. Mrs. Landess was born in Arkansas in 1847, and in 1862 crossed the plains with her parents by ox-team. She was married here, in 1862, to John Landess, a descendant of the Boone family. The husband took up a donation land claim near Scholls, where they lived until 14 years ago, when they moved to Hillsboro.

Mrs. Landess was a woman of marked characteristics, and owing to her charity and helpfulness, was possessed of a large circle of friends. The husband died in 1904. She became a member of the first Christian Church established in Washington County, in 1861, and has adhered to that religion at all times. The following children survive: Grant, Laurel, Ruanna Prosser, Scholle; Mrs. Rosa Stahl, Rockford, Wash.; Mrs. Girta Larsen, Corvallis; Mrs. Etha Washington and Mrs. Mamie Brand, Hillsboro. Of her immediate family the following survive: A brother, Lafayette Ingram, Marmon, Or.; Mrs. R. E. Egan, half-sister, Hillsboro, and a half-brother, William Ingram, a Farmington hoggrower.

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paid the sum of \$474.25, an over payment of \$373.58. Many other alleged irregularities and illegal transactions in connection with this road were brought to light.

In Clark's first report he called attention to the irregular allowance of a bill presented by the Knappton Mills for lumber. Mr. Callender, who was one of the Commissioners at that time, was also manager of the Knappton Mills and presented the bill. Investigation has since brought to light the fact that the bill as paid was \$769.50 in excess of the amount charged on the books of the Knappton Mills. Mr. Callender has sent in his check to cover the amount, denominated it a "rebate."

Mr. Clark was also employed by the city of South Bend to expert the city's books. No official irregularities were found to have occurred during recent years but the report shows that in 1892, the City Treasurer charged and was paid the sum of \$1200 as 1 per cent commission on the issuing of \$60,000 in bonds. Under the laws then existing the Treasurer was entitled to 1 per cent on actual receipts and disbursements but, as the above was simply a refunding proposition, no money passed and the payment of the commission, according to Mr. Clark, was without warrant of law. The Treasurer also had \$500 of the city's money deposited in the First National Bank, which failed. The city cancelled the Treasurer's indebtedness in that sum, which was also without warrant of law, says the report, as the Treasurer and his bondsmen were legally helden for that amount.

Mr. Clark reports the books of the city in bad condition and shows carelessness and even recklessness in their keeping. He has ordered new records and will open up a new set of books for the city as soon as the new books arrive.

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