

JOSEPHINE COUNTY FAIR BEST IN YEARS

Grange Exhibits Show Great Improvement and Win Expert's High Praise.

GRAND BALL CLOSES FETE

Applegate and Williams Valley Exhibits at Grants Pass Are Complete—Contests Lively and Stock Show Is Notable.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The Josephine County Grange fair closed today with the most successful session it has ever held.

Tuesday was entry day and from 8 o'clock until 12 o'clock wagons, automobiles and vehicles of all descriptions brought displays and exhibits from the surrounding country.

At 1 o'clock the programme began with the wood-chopping contest. Contests continued until 4 o'clock, when a leather handbag was the prize offered the woman who could drive a nail best.

Thursday was contest day beginning at 10 o'clock with a girls' running race and ending at 5 o'clock with a half-mile bicycle race.

The fair ended with a grand ball from 8 o'clock until midnight. Professor Scudder says the Josephine County Fair has the best county grange fair he has attended this year.

6000 ATTEND LANE'S SHOW

Eugene Day Draws Throng and Fair Is Lively Event.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—One hundred Salem, Cherrians, their wives and friends were the guests of the Eugene Radiators at the Lane County Fair today.

From the Commercial Club the visitors were taken about the city in motorcars until noon, when a banquet with 150 covers was served in the clubrooms.

At the stock parade and at the horse races at the county fair they were the guests of honor, and after the race, 200 fraternity men and sorority coeds from the university were hosts at dinner.

The day drew a record-breaking crowd—6000 persons—to the fairgrounds.

In the contest among four county granges for the best of the year, the Lakemore Grange, the newest in the state, was declared winner.

The poultry department contained 650 birds from four Pacific Coast states.

One hundred babies have been examined in the past two days by a staff of Eugene's leading physicians in the Eugene clinic.

Mrs. E. R. Stevens, 80 years old, won first prize on biscuits.

COLUMBIA FAIR EXHIBITS BIG

Large Attendance Grooms Many Displays at St. Helens Event.

ST. HELENS, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The Columbia County Fair opened yesterday with a good attendance including a number of Portland people.

Considering the dry summer, the showing in vegetables is very good. Many specimens of fruit, both fresh and canned, some of the apples for which Columbia County is famous, are a very creditable school exhibit occupying half the space in one building.

The exhibit of needlework would be a credit to any community. In variety and fineness it would be hard to equal.

Mrs. Millard, of Portland, who judged the work, states that many of the pieces were perfect in workmanship. The Irish crochet and tatting were especially commended.

The fair continues today and tomorrow.

BIG CROWDS SEE UNION FAIR

Ideal Weather Favors Farewell Day of Show, With Schools Closed.

Best breeds of dairy cattle to be found. Among them are Holsteins, Guernseys and Jerseys, individual members of which are worth hundreds of dollars.

MYRTLE POINT SHOW DRAWS

Fair is Attended by 1600 and Four Close Races Are Seen.

MYRTLE POINT, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The second day of the Fair proved the greater interest than yesterday and the crowd today numbered about 1600.

The racing opened today with four exciting events, which were as follows: Half-mile trot or pace—Wahle won in two straight heats; Billy Murray, second; Polerton, third. Time 1:16; 1:14.

Novelty race, one mile—Gift, won at three-quarters and mile; Veloska, at half-mile; Ada Zane, at quarter-mile.

LINN SEES FIRST BIRDMAN

Aviator Flies From Albany to Fair Grounds at Scio, 18 Miles.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—G. W. Stroman, a Tacoma aviator, successfully piloted his biplane from Albany to Scio, a distance of 18 miles, this afternoon.

Stroman carried no passengers with him on his flight today, but has announced that he expects to carry one person on each of his flights at Albany Saturday and Sunday.

This was the first cross-country flight ever made by a birdman in Linn County, and many farmers, who had not seen an aeroblane before, stood in line to watch the flight.

CHEHALIS FAIR IS BOOMING

Races Are Enjoyed and Judging of Displays Is Started.

ELAM, Wash., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The second day of the Chehalis County Fair was much better in every way than the first.

The winners of today's races were: 230 trot—Handsome Guy, George Wood, time, 2:34.

5-8-mile dash—Red Raven, Norwood, owner.

1/2-mile dash—Old Settler, Genter, owner.

WASHINGTON FAIR SUCCEEDS

Kachorse Drops Dead Near Wire at North Yakima.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The attendance at the Washington State Fair today, Yakima day, was estimated at 10,000, and with good weather tomorrow and Saturday the officials of the fair expect a record.

In the first heat of the first race of the day, the pacer Jack Turner, owned by B. M. Turner, of Dayton, Wash., dropped dead one-eighth of a mile from the finish.

TAX CURE IS NOT LIKED

GRANGE AGAINST AMENDMENTS AND \$1500 EXEMPTION.

Women Oppose Eight-Hour Law and Say It Would Stop Dinner if It Were but Half Done on Time.

PLEASANT VALLEY, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Multnomah County Pomona Grange, which convened here Wednesday, studied measures which will be voted upon at the November election and listened to a lecture on "Credits in Oregon" by H. G. Starkweather, Clackamas County.

J. J. Johnson, of Portland, spoke on the tax amendments and pointed out that of the numerous tax measures before the legislature, the most objectionable are the eight-hour law and the \$1500 exemption law.

H. E. Davis, a dairyman of Graham, advocated the eight-hour law and argued that it could be made to apply to the farmer, who could adjust his work.

Eugene Palmer replied by declaring that a universal eight-hour law could not apply to the farm labor any more than it would to the city.

Several women spoke against the measure and said it would interfere with the household work.

"If the eight hours expire and the dinner is half cooked and half on the table," said one woman, "the cook or housewife must immediately stop work or be sent to jail."

Special professional uprights and others. Most unusual offer for Friday and Saturday only. See page 9, this paper.—Adv.

MERGER IS BACKED

Four Fruit Agencies Approve Plan for Organizing.

WENATCHEE MEN TO ACT

Invitations to Be Sent Out for Session Probably at Spokane to Form Body to Keep Up Prices of Apples.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—An effort to unite practically all the fruit marketing organizations of the Northwest to combat demoralization of the apple market received the approval today of the four larger agencies here.

The purpose in organizing is to retain the individual organizations in their present form, each competing strenuously to sign up tonnage, but co-operating thereafter in a comprehensive selling campaign.

The idea is to go as far as the law will permit in forming a coalition. The motive is to uphold prices for the sole benefit of fruit growers.

W. O. Dow, of the distributors, said that the demoralization of the apple market is due in a large measure to cutthroat competition, in which selling agencies are engaging, each underbidding the other to move tonnage.

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WRECKING IS ADMITTED

DALLAS PRISONER "CONFESSSES" HE DITCHED VALLEY LIMITED.

D. M. Deal Surrenders While Under Influence of Liquor and Says He Is Wanted for Crime in 1913.

DALLAS, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—D. M. Deal, who gave himself up to officials here yesterday, confessed to wrecking the Willamette Valley limited train No. 28 on the Southern Pacific, near Salem, June 18, 1913.

Deal came to Dallas while under the influence of liquor and asked City Marshal Chase and Deputy Sheriff Richter to arrest him.

Deal said he wrecked the train. The Polk County Sheriff's office got in touch with B. McShane, special agent of the Southern Pacific.

Deal, who had become sober, again admitted the crime and told the alleged details. According to his story, he was alone in his operation and one was killed in the wreck, but one woman was severely injured.

Deal was taken to Salem this morning and placed in the Marion County Jail.

DEAL REPEATS WRECK STORY

Salem Sheriff Led to Scene by Man Who Says He Wanted Revenge.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—D. M. Deal, who surrendered to the Police in Dallas, said he was the cause of the wreck of a fast Southern Pacific train near this city about two years ago, was brought to this city today.

He told a straightforward story to Sheriff Esch and when instructed to lead the Sheriff to the scene of the wreck had no trouble in doing so.

Deal said he drew the spikes holding several rails with his fingers. The wreck occurred on a curve near the State Reform School. Three steel cars were derailed, but no one was injured.

Deal says his motive was revenge against the company because a section foreman had discharged him. He made his confession while in a semi-intoxicated condition in Dallas and little was thought of it at first.

Deal was summoned and said the story was plausible.

NORMAL SHOWS INCREASE

President Ackerman Says Attendance Grows to 230 in Week.

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The attendance at the Normal has increased to 230 in the past week.

The students have fully organized themselves into their respective classes and elected the following as their presidents: Miss Helen A. Anderson; senior I, Miss Irene DeArmond; juniors, Miss Margaret Holverson; sophomores, Miss Dorothy Bengston; freshmen, Charles Harrab.

GIRL HOLDS HUNTED MAN

Miss Hazel Cole, Oregon City, Keeps Roy La Doux Prisoner.

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War Veteran, 67, Weds, Bride, 65.

ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—Eli Mills, until recently a member of the Oregon Soldiers' Home, was married at Coquille, Coos County, today to Mrs. Emily McFarlin, of Sumner.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—That the exhibit of the eight Willamette Valley counties at the State Fair at Salem will be the best of any previous exhibit from this section of the state, was asserted yesterday by C. H. Stewart, of Albany, who was present at the Salem meeting representing this county.

The counties of Linn, Lane, Marion, Benton, Polk, Clackamas, Washington and Yamhill have combined in an exhibit of farm, dairy and garden products, as well as other kinds. The exhibit will be shown at the State Fair and the Land Products Show in Portland, after which it will be sent to San Francisco for the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

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Grange Head Up for Legislature.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—C. E. Spence, head of the State Grange, has filed as an independent candidate for Representative in the Legislature from Clackamas County. Other independent candidates for Representatives are Mrs. Fannie M. Penn and Mrs. Z. A. Rosebraugh, of Marion County.

Bowling League Formed at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—A bowling league, including teams from Eugene, Salem, Corvallis and Albany, was organized here yesterday. A series of games will be played this winter to decide the championship.

Girl and Pony at Eugene.

YOUNG RIDER EN ROUTE TO FAIR DEFENDS WEST'S RIDE IN CAPITOL.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—"It was real mean of the Oregon people to criticize Oswald West for riding my pony through the Statehouse," declared pretty 18-year-old Miss Gladys Hardy, who arrived in Eugene on a 1500-mile trip.

The young lady will spend two days in Eugene before leaving for San Francisco. She is traveling from Spokane to the Panama-Pacific Exposition.