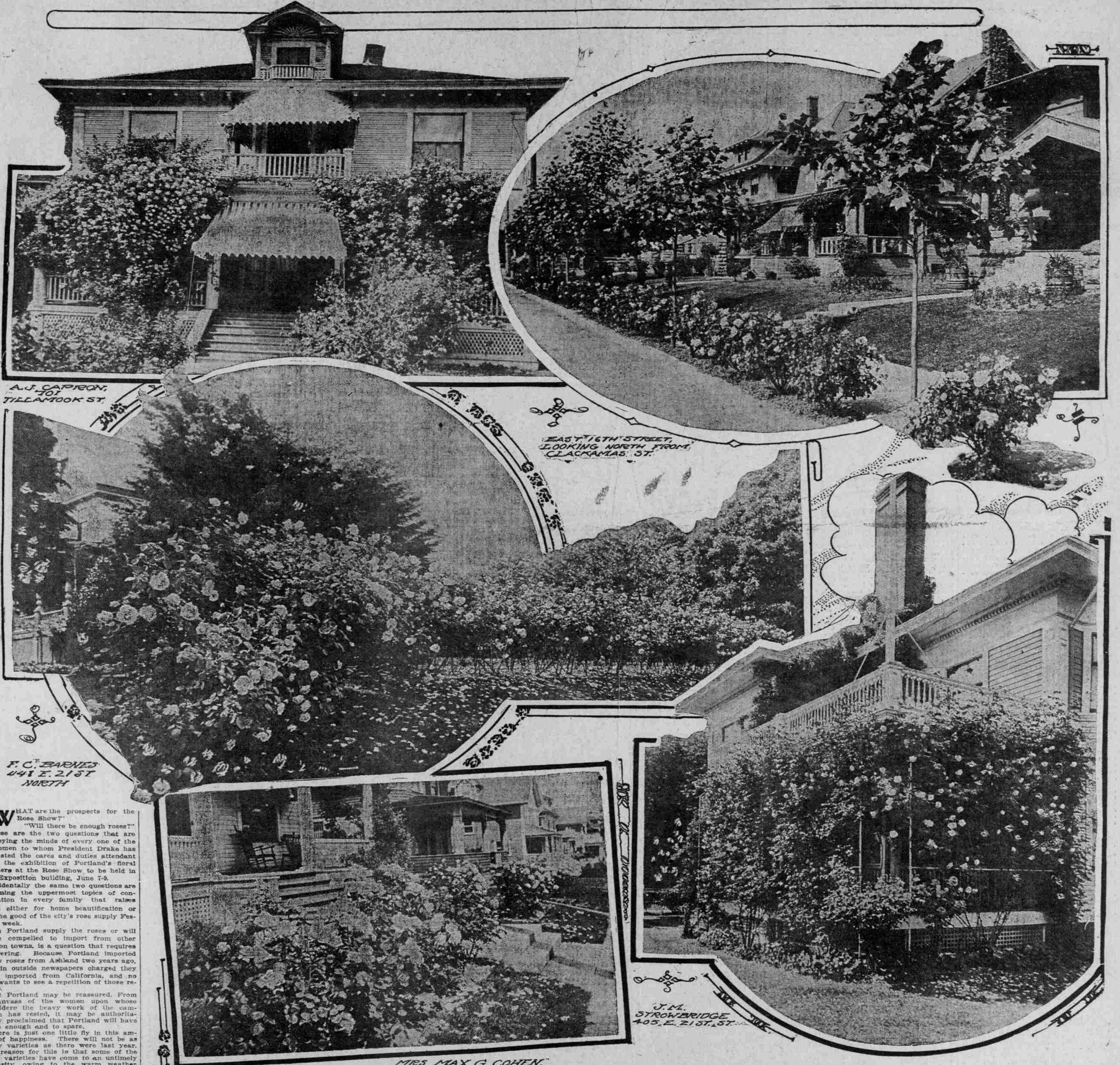




ROSES PLENTIFUL FESTIVAL WEEK

Women Who Have Show in Charge Report There Will Be No Shortage.



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WHAT are the prospects for the Rose Show?"

"Will there be enough roses?"

These are the two questions that are occupying the minds of every one of the 23 women to whom President Drake has entrusted the care and duties attendant upon the exhibition of Portland's best wonders at the Rose Show to be held in the Exposition building, June 7-9.

Incidentally the same two questions are becoming the uppermost topics of conversation in every family that raises roses either for home beautification or for the good of the city's rose supply Festival week.

Can Portland supply the roses or will it be compelled to import from other Oregon towns, is a question that requires answering. Because Portland imported a few roses from Ashland two years ago, certain outside newspapers charged they were imported from California, and no one wants to see a repetition of those reports.

But Portland may be reassured. From a canvass of the women upon whose shoulders the heavy work of the campaign has rested, it may be authoritatively proclaimed that Portland will have roses enough and to spare.

There is just one little fly in this amber of happiness. There will not be as many varieties as there were last year. The reason for this is that some of the early varieties have come to an untimely maturity, owing to the warm weather that came before its time. The climbers will all have gone. One variety and another tell the same story with an unwearied depression, but against the dark background comes many confident statements that roses will be in abundance.

Five million choice blooms is what President Drake calls a conservative estimate. This is how he lines the matter up:

There were between 300,000 and 400,000 bushes planted in the last three years and there must have been 700,000 planted, and more even than that, previously.

"Now does anyone mean to suggest those bushes won't have an average of five roses apiece. If that were not to be, we might as well move Portland over to Seattle."

"Seattle is coming to Portland to see

the Rose Show" isn't she? Does anyone dare to think Portland will fall in the very hour of her triumph? Most decidedly not.

"Reports from every section are that the rose crop will be a bumper one, that roses will be magnificently fine. So who cares if we are short a few varieties?"

And what President Drake says is borne out by the women in charge of the different districts.

Mrs. Jerry Bronaugh, Willamette Heights district, said:

"The roses are very beautiful, but it is hard to tell how many we will have for the Rose Show. I think there will be plenty of roses, for the bushes are just full. There are hundreds of buds and

that ought to insure a plentiful crop, in this district at any rate, next week."

"The roses are particularly fine," said Mrs. F. I. Fuller, of Portland Heights. "There will be plenty of roses here where the higher altitude has kept them back a little. Our climbers are all gone. I am sure there will be an abundance of roses for the Festival week, for, although certain sections are scant, the city as a whole has plenty of roses."

Mrs. H. R. Albee, who presides over the destinies of Irvington and Albina roses, declared that, although there were a great number of roses, there would not be as many for Festival week as for this week. "They are most beautiful though," added Mrs. Albee, "and I have

no doubt the exhibition will be wonderful."

Because Rose City Park is a new suburb, comparatively speaking, Mrs. Schlager fears the district will not be able to make a large showing in the display. "We have not much chance," Mrs. Schlager said. "But that does not mean we will not be up and trying. I have made a thorough canvass of the district and prospects are not too bright."

The Rose City Park Improvement League has offered handsome prizes for the best roses and finest display made in Rose City Park and with this inducement, it is anticipated, some surprises may be coming.

From Jefferson to Montgomery streets

is the district assigned to Mrs. F. E. Watkins, who remarks that the roses are unusually large. In her district, she says, the roses are not full grown yet, being still in the bud. There will be plenty for the show and for the Festival, she believes. "The roses in this locality are just splendid," added Mrs. Watkins.

Brooklyn is responsible to Mrs. A. L. Barbur, who reports that she has not had much time yet to devote to the work necessary to encourage the growers in her vicinity. "There are marked differences in the different districts," comments Mrs. Barbur. "Some are very, very beautiful and there are quite a number. However, I am afraid they came out too full—there were too many

on a bush, and about Rose week there may be a scarcity."

Sunnyside reports, through Mrs. J. F. Wilson, that there are lots of roses, very fair in character and quality. Brooklyn will have a large exhibit at the show, Mrs. Wilson says. "The bushes are just covered with buds and they have all to bloom, yet. There will be plenty of roses for both Festival and show."

From the tenor of the whole of these replies it would seem that there need be no apprehensions regarding the available rose supply. As the roses are so widely scattered, no one will be able to bear the market, and, in fact, because nearly everyone has loads of roses they are only too anxious to donate for Festival

purposes, there will be no market for roses at all.

Some fears have been expressed that the Exposition building is so large that it will be impossible to decorate it fittingly. Last year the Rose Show was held in the fairgrounds, and surrounded by everything green, the place was most appropriate.

However, while Portlanders to the number of many thousands flocked there, it seemed as if the out-of-town visitor did not find his or her way there, by reason of the long car ride. To avoid this and to insure that everyone gets to the show, the Exposition building was chosen.

According to officials of the Portland

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