

WAPINITIA PLAINS HAPPY OVER HOPES

Certain Reclamation of Arid Lands Is Celebrated by Citizens of Wasco.

TITLE TO WATER ABSOLUTE

Governor Withycombe Speaks to Assembly on "Oregon's Duty Agriculturally in World War" and What Irrigation Can Do.

MAUPIN, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Renewed hope, based on unquestionable assurance that the Wapinitia Plains are to be reclaimed after years of unrealized dreams marked the irrigation celebration held this week.

The gathering was a success from every standpoint and in addition to hundreds of persons from various parts of Oregon, including many pioneers of Wasco County, Governor Withycombe and other prominent persons were present and delivered speeches. Each speaker predicted rapid development of the country and greatly increased productivity of the plains, once water is turned on the fertile lands. Future prosperity was held out as a certainty now the units of the Wapinitia Irrigation Company were added to the system.

The programme continued all day, races and various other contests being featured in the afternoon following an old-time and bounteous barbecue at noon.

Governor Urges Increased Crops.
A playlet entitled "Uncle Sam Feeding the World," staged under the direction of Rev. Mr. Bevier and Rev. Mr. Wood, afforded much amusement for the crowd.

Governor Withycombe spoke on "Oregon's Duty Agriculturally in the World War." He urged that the lands be made to produce every possible potato, onion and grain of corn and asserted that every hog, cow, chicken or sheep that could be raised was a direct aid to the United States Nation in its struggle to gain a victory for world democracy.

Nature has done a wonderful good for Wapinitia Plains, said the Governor. He added that it now was up to man to finish the job in making lands a center of agricultural riches. To do this he said that the farmers must bring the land, water and sunshine into proper relationship with each other.

Great enthusiasm was aroused by the speech of the chief executive and he was greeted with hearty cheers.

Title to Water Absolute.
State Senator Huston, consulting attorney for the Wapinitia Irrigation Company, explained how he had piloted the organization through legal difficulties and expressed gratitude that he had been able to join with United States District Attorney Hall in the opinion that the company's title to all the water which it claimed was absolute.

W. E. Keen recounted how he and a party of Yakima men, with a view to buying the lands, had employed Judge Grey, of Seattle, to pass opinion on the title. He pronounced it perfect.

J. W. Brewer, speaking on "The Progress of Irrigation in Oregon and the West," declared that there were great possibilities here for raising alfalfa and other crops. The land was worth \$200 an acre. He predicted a great onward march in irrigation both on Wapinitia Plains and in the Willamette Valley.

Discrimination Is Charged.
Discrimination against Oregon by the Federal Government in the matter of financial aid in reclaiming lands by irrigation was charged by Mr. Brewer, who declared that out of \$10,000,000 paid to the Federal Government from Oregon, not \$1,000,000 had been spent in the state.

Less inclination on the part of water users to fight with the supplying company was advised by Mr. Brewer. He said this readiness on the part of the farmers often has hindered the best interests of all concerned. He pleaded for a spirit of co-operation between settlers and irrigation companies.

E. E. Miller, attorney at Portland and general manager of the Wapinitia Irrigation Company, narrated the history of the plains project. He urged that arrangements be made this Fall by the farmers to have water turned on their lands.

Son Has Father's "Keynote."
"Farmer" Smith, Jr., eloquently pointed out to the farmers the many opportunities surrounding them. The keynote of his speech was to raise corn, hogs, alfalfa, and then more of them, to build silos, etc. He said the farmers of the plains could more than realize their fondest dreams.

The value of scientific knowledge in the application of water to lands was pointed out by Professor W. L. Powers, of the Oregon Agricultural College. He asserted that 90 per cent of the farms on Wapinitia plains would grow alfalfa. Several farmers announced the intention to come under the project.

The Maupin and Wapinitia bands united in providing music for the celebration.

FAIR AT ELMA IS SUCCESS

Exhibits Are Good and Large Crowds Are in Attendance.

ELMA, Wash., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—From a standpoint of educational advantage the Grays Harbor County Fair, which closed Sunday, was a decided success. The exhibits of the public schools of the county were large and varied and were exceptionally good.

The livestock exhibits were fine, and the poultry display was good. The races of the fair were good, but owing to the rainy weather the races scheduled for Friday and Sunday had to be called off. There were good crowds in attendance every day, Sunday being the record day.

RED CROSS WORKERS BUSY

Rural Communities Assist Hood River Organization.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—With the assembly hall of the Hood River Commercial Club converted into headquarters for the supplies department of the local chapter of the Red Cross, Hood River Valley women are busily engaged each week in making bandages and surgical dressings.

The big room has been fitted with sewing tables, machines and other apparatus, and on every Wednesday from 2 A. M. until 5 P. M. 100 women from the city and outlying rural communities assemble and work with zeal.

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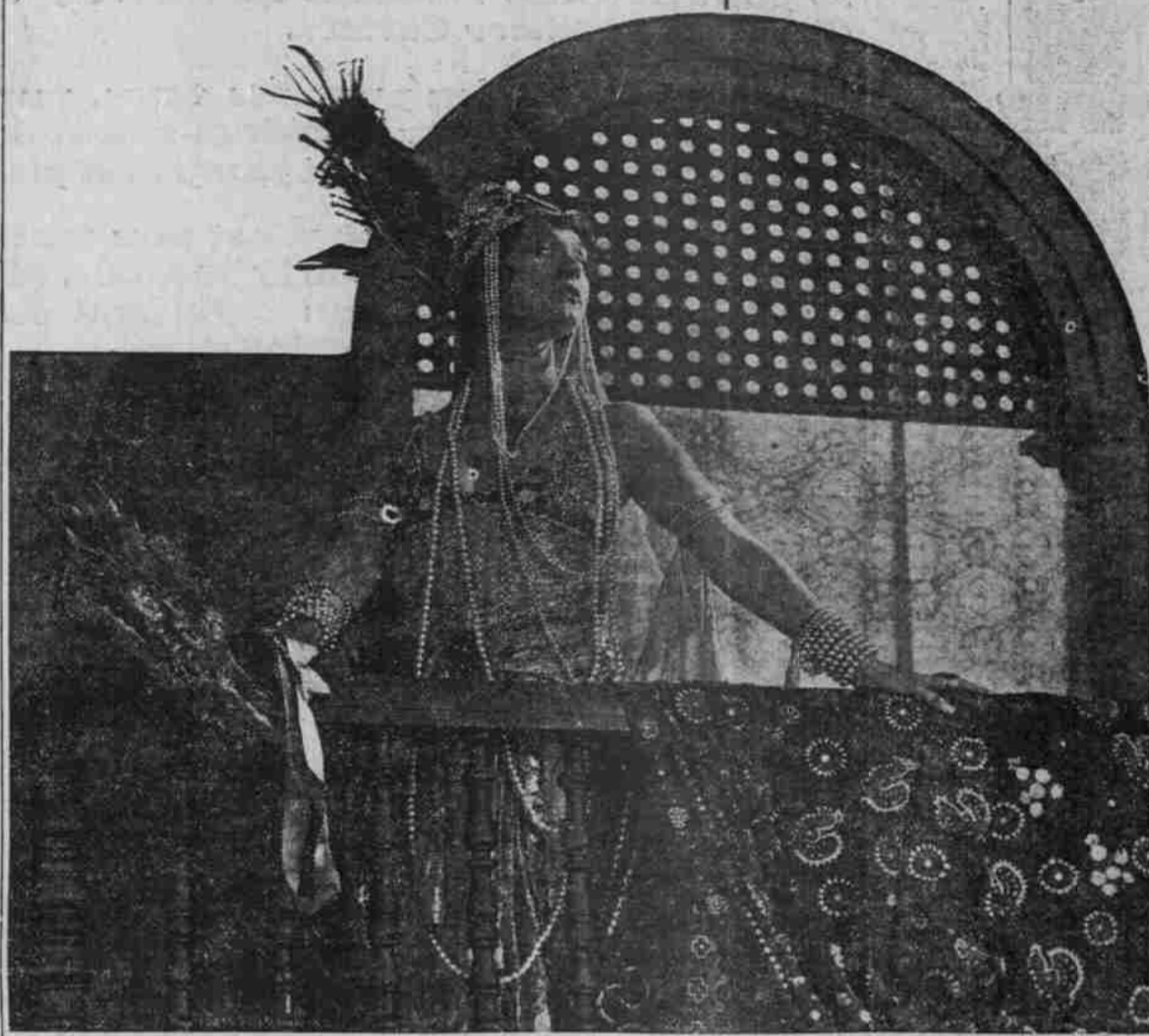
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Conceded the uncrowned beauty of the stage, makes her first appearance as Lady Wyverne, who fell a victim to the potent charm of Algeria—the land of the living past. Robert Hichens, whose virile pen dipped deep into the mysticism of the fabled Orient, wrote "El Kantara," the gateway of the desert about which lingers the fragrance of forgotten dream gardens haunted by the unending witchery of love.

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OLD-TIME FAIR NEAR

Linn County Exhibition Opens at Scio Tuesday.

HOME TALENT WILL RACE

Grounds Are Improved for Free Camping and Livestock Buildings Enlarged to Provide for Increased Entries Made.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)

A revival of the old-time county fair, together with the greatest display of livestock, poultry, agricultural, horticultural and other exhibits, will be seen at the Linn County Fair, which opens for three days Tuesday, September 18, at Scio. For 11 years Scio has presented a fine fair, but this year's exposition will eclipse any effort heretofore made.

Dr. A. G. Prill, president of the fair, states that already more entries in the livestock department have been received than ordinarily come in in two years. Every available stall in the horse and cattle barns has been taken and more space will probably have to be provided. Sheep, goats and swine are entered in greatly increased numbers, both in the regular department and in the school exhibits. Poultry, too, in both departments, is far ahead of what was expected.

It is the purpose of the board to produce a regular old-fashioned county fair this year, reviving the old times enjoyed long ago by the parents of the present generations. To that end the professional races were barred and local talent substituted.

Race Entries Received.

The race entries have been received in encouraging numbers and a larger field will enter such race than ever before. The Willamette Valley has produced some fast running, trotting and pacing horses.

Nearly 20 riders have entered in the motorcycle race, a daily five-mile event. Some of the best known riders in the state have entered. Boys also are in training for the foot races. Liberal cash prizes will be awarded all winners.

There will be free entertainment for visitors. Every day an auto will run over a man. There will be a slide for life from a high point and open-air trapeze exhibitions will be given. Three big shows, a merry-go-round, Ferris wheel, dancing afternoon and evening, and other amusements will help entertain the crowds.

Grounds Are Improved.

The grounds have been improved. The fair and camp grounds have been cleaned up and put in shape. A new horse and cattle barn, 240 feet long and 35 feet wide, has been built. A special pavilion for concession exhibitors has been built, which will care for displays of manufactured articles, demonstrations of food and other wares. There is a rest pavilion, provided with seats and tables for those who bring lunch.

Free camp grounds adjoin the fair

WASCO FAIR OPENS SOON

Liberal Prizes Offered for Exhibits, Races and Sports and Dancing Is Arranged for Younger Folks.

THE DALLES, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)

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In conjunction with the fair the Tenth Annual School Children's Industrial Fair will be held. This fair under the direction of Clyde T. Bonney, county superintendent of schools and assistants, have been a great success in the past. The children have been working hard upon their exhibits.

Three thousand dollars have been hung up for prizes, and the premium list is liberal, as are the purses for the horse races and other sports.

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little early. The salmon, however, are in great numbers, aggravating the anxious fishermen by jumping out of the water all around them. Salmon trout are being landed right along, though.



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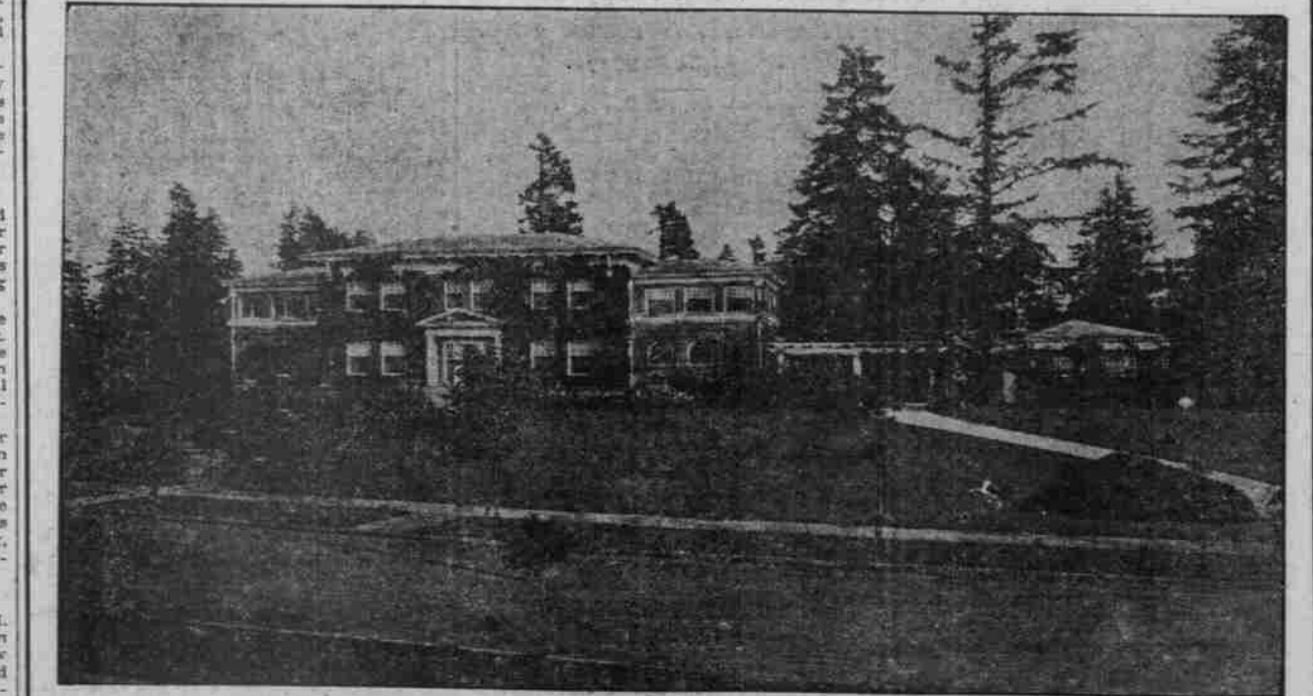
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