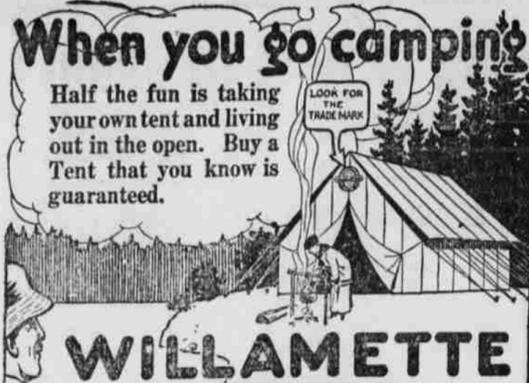


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Thousands in Livestock Prizes

More than forty national conventions of horsemen, cattlemen and dog and poultry fanciers will be held in San Francisco during the sixty days of the livestock competition beginning September 20. Nearly a half million dollars in premiums will be awarded at these shows, the first of which will be the great horse show September 30, at which \$81,000 will be given for breeding and performance.

Other competitions will be as follows:

Cattle show, October 18-November 1, \$93,000 in premiums; sheep and swine, November 3-15, \$50,000 each in premiums; poultry and pigeons, November 18-28, \$25,000 in premiums; dogs, cats, pet stock and children's pets, November 28-December 4, \$10,000 in premiums.

The competitions will be judged by 130 leading breeders and livestock experts of America.

D. A. Lively, chief of the livestock department, predicts a daily attendance at these competitions of more than 100,000 persons, the exposition livestock shows being the finest and most complete that have ever been held anywhere.

At the present time many fine herds of registered cattle are on exhibition, together with a splendid show of "dogs of all nations," fancy poultry, swine and sheep, and thoroughbred horses.

GREAT AGRICULTURAL CONVENTIONS BEGIN SOON

San Francisco, July 31.—Of the 76 purely agricultural and livestock conventions which will be held throughout the summer and autumn months at San Francisco under the auspices of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, eleven will meet between August 5 and 14, with subjects which cover thoroughly the many important problems now facing the agriculturists and livestock breeders of America.

These eleven gatherings include the sessions of the Universal Corn Convention, August 5-6; the Official Dairy Instructors' Association, August 9-10; the American Society of Agronomy, August 9-10; American Farm Management Association, August 9-10; American Association for the Advancement of Agricultural Teaching, August 10-15; National Congress of Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Clubs, August 10-15; Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, August 11-13; California Association of Nurserymen, August 12-14, and the American Association of Nurserymen, August 12-14.

The exposition has become a wonderful working laboratory for the farmer and tillers of the soil, who will attend the conventions by the thousands from all sections of the country. The latest farm appliances and the productions of Mother Earth under the latest scientific methods are to be found in the great Palace of Agriculture, the Horticultural Palace and in the Food Products building. Here the student of agriculture, the farmer, fruit grower and livestock raiser will find ideas which will help him immeasurably in the development of his work.

The Commercial Club requests the names and addresses of parties who are considering coming to the coast this summer. We wish to send them literature and give them a good conception of Oregon.

Oregon Fourth Lumber State

According to the government figures for 1913, Oregon ranks fourth in the list of lumber-producing states, having advanced from twenty-third place in the past decade.

According to the 1913 figures, Washington still ranks first in lumber production. In fact, the reputed production in this state for 1913, approximately 4,600,000,000 feet, was the largest ever reported for that state or any other state. Michigan approached this figure in 1890 by reporting a production of 4,311,000,000 feet.

The cut of Douglas fir in 1913 was the largest ever reported for this species, being over 5,500,000,000 feet. This figure is for a single species. The cut of yellow pine for 1913 was reported as nearly 15,000,000,000 feet, which figure was second only to that reported in 1909. The latter figure is made up of all species commercially known as yellow pine.

Out of a population of approximately 675,000 people in Oregon, 84,000, or one-sixth of the total number, are directly dependent upon the lumber industry. Of a population of 1,142,000 people in Washington, 16 per cent, or approximately 193,000, are dependent upon the lumber industry.

County Gets Share State School Fund

The annual apportionment from the irreducible school funds for the schools of Oregon were made Monday. The total is \$260,066, which is \$1.75 per pupil as against \$1.85 last year.

The reduction per pupil is due to the fact that there are 3,865 more children of school age this year, the total being 205,752, and the further fact that interest collections have been somewhat backward. Last year \$373,490.95 was apportioned.

Jackson county receives \$12,146.75. This is the eighth in size of county apportionments.

Reimer Gets Results With Use of Sulphur

President W. J. Kerr of O. A. C., Jefferson Myers of Portland, one of the regents of the college, Mrs. Myers, Addison Bennett, a Portland Oregonian staff correspondent, and H. R. Glaisyer, Klamath county agricultural expert, were taken to the branch experiment station at Talent Saturday morning by Prof. F. C. Reimer, superintendent of the station, and M. P. Henderson, county pathologist, and others, where they were surprised at the wonderful work being accomplished there. One of the chief experiments is with blight-resisting pears. There are 500 varieties of pear trees on the farm, from every country that raises pears, and Superintendent Reimer says he has developed varieties that positively are blight resisting.

In the afternoon the visitors were taken to the farm of Mrs. Bernist, seven miles northeast of Medford, where experiments are being conducted with alfalfa by dry farming on heavy sticky. It has been contended that alfalfa would not grow profitably on sticky, but Superintendent Reimer said it could if the element in the soil that is lacking could be supplied, and he claimed that was sulphur and has proven it. On the Bernist farm are three small tracts that show wonderful results. On one tract pure sulphur was used as a fertilizer, in proportions that would mean 100 pounds to the acre, on another iron sulphate, and on another calcium sulphate. Both of the latter were used in sufficient quantities that the sulphur would equal 100 pounds to the acre. The first cutting showed an increase of 600 per cent over the alfalfa planted along the same tracts without being fertilized, the cutting showing over two tons to the acre. The second crop is now ready to cut and is as heavy as the first crop. With rain there will be a third crop equally as good. Professor Reimer says the sulphur for an acre of fertilizer would cost \$1.50. Experiments are being conducted with alfalfa and clover on 21 farms in this county.

Will Soon Lay Track at Pass

Ties are now being delivered along the right-of-way between Wilderville and Hays Hill, and the full number required for the work will undoubtedly be on hand as soon as the grading contract is completed. A rush order for the rails to lay the first one and one-half miles of track beyond Wilderville was sent in Saturday morning, as it is now proposed to lay this much steel without waiting for the completion of the grading of the unit. By laying this much of the track at once work beyond will be much facilitated. The one and one-half miles will take the track to Hair's Prairie, across Slate creek, and if there is no cause for delay in shipment of the rails from Portland they should be here during the next week. The grade will be ready to receive them, with the ties on the right-of-way.—Grants Pass Courier.

Whenever you think you have troubles just stop and think of the poor publisher who is trying to get out the maps for a new atlas just now.

The Tidings is on sale at Poley's drug store, 17 East Main street.

The People's Forum

The Superintendent and His Duties—Monuments and Markers.

Editor Tidings: The success of a cemetery is entirely dependent upon the superintendent in charge. He should be selected with great care. He should have absolute control of the grounds and all pertaining thereto, subject only to the orders of the trustees. The superintendent should enforce the rules, see that all visitors conduct themselves in a proper manner, supervise all workmen, have full charge of all funerals when within the grounds, keep the records, advise as to the location of graves, the selection of lots, the design and setting of monuments, and a hundred other things of daily occurrence. Few positions of trust call for such varied knowledge. To become proficient in all this work may well discourage most men. A majority of cemetery superintendents are careful, painstaking men. Many have only local experience, know but little of what is done in other localities, and too often look upon their work as a daily grind. It is to be regretted that there is no school where one might obtain an insight as to the proper methods. A man who follows this line of work should have a good general education. Also business ability, a knowledge of drawing, engineering, general horticulture and landscape gardening. All this would help. The modern park cemetery is largely dependent upon landscape gardening for its success, that a knowledge of this art is specially important to a superintendent. A successful superintendent must have a knowledge of trees and shrubs. With a natural love for nature's outdoor art and observing eyes, much of this knowledge can be gained by daily observation. A superintendent should know the heights to which various shrubs grow, in what soil conditions they will best thrive, the varieties that will best group together. In fact, the better he becomes posted, the better will be his success.

Monuments.—Family monuments have come into use during recent years, the headstones of former times being practically individual monuments. It is now the practice to have but a single family monument upon a lot, the only inscription thereon being the family name—surname only—with a marker for each individual grave. Markers should be set with the top even with the surface, so as to allow a lawnmower to pass over them. This means economy in care and greater beauty in the landscape appearance. With headstones showing above the surface we have the old graveyard appearance, but buried in the ground they do not appear in the landscape picture, and we then have a park or modern cemetery effect.

All monuments should be of granite or natural stone. Imitations made of sheetiron or any other material except natural stone are distinctly bad, and should not be allowed. Each monument should be of artistic merit. No monument should be a copy of another and they should not be crowded together. It is important that each monument have a proper setting to show it off to the best advantage. This setting should consist of plenty of grass or lawn in the foreground, with a massing of shrubs in the background. The beauty of the handiwork of man is thus enhanced by the beauty of nature. With each monument having artistic merit, properly placed in a natural setting, with no other stone above ground, and plenty of green grass giving vistas between the shrubs and trees, a cemetery is certainly a thing of beauty. There should be a section of a cemetery where in no monuments are allowed. Such sections have proved quite popular during recent years, as many do not wish lots in monument sections, thinking the lack of a monument upon their lot would signify poverty. Where they are given such opportunity they are much better pleased.

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(To be continued.)



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Efficiency Tests on S. P. Railroad

An interesting sidelight on the efficiency of the railroad man of today is afforded by the figures of Vice-President and General Manager W. R. Scott of the Southern Pacific on the efficiency tests made during the last three years. Out of 74,116 checks on the observance of operating rules by trainmen and engineers on the Pacific system there were but few cases wherein the signal was not respected—a percentage of 99.83, perfect.

These tests are one of the biggest factors in the railroad's protection of the life and limb of the traveling public. By them, officials are enabled to detect the careless man and, in their opinion, the man who is careless is not the man to be entrusted with any share of the responsibility of safely transporting passengers from one part of the country to the other.

The tests are made by division superintendents and their respective staffs and under conditions that exist in everyday service. The feature of them, however, is that they reveal a remarkable degree of efficiency on the part of the railroad employe, something that is reflected in the great record made by the American roads in their safety first campaigns. The frequency of the checks made on the heed of danger signals only serves to emphasize the capability of the men. There are twenty-two tests in all and each official making it is required to keep an accurate record of the checks on individual employes. He fills out a blank showing the date, time, location and train and engine number; the name of the conductor and engineer and the kind of check made. The Southern Pacific was the first railroad to keep an accurate file of the individual records, and these have played the important part in the promotion of the deserving. "This record speaks worlds for the capability and efficiency on the part of the employes of the company," says Vice-President Scott, "and it was this efficiency on the part of the employes of the company that enabled the Southern Pacific to win the Harriman memorial medal."

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NOTICE OF CONTEST.

07522.
Contest 3566.
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, August 2, 1915.

To Henry C. Henkle of Central Point, Oregon, Contestee:
You are hereby notified that William R. Williams, who gives R. F. D. No. 1, box 99, Ashland, Oregon, as his postoffice address, did on August 2, 1915, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your Homestead Entry No. 07522, Serial No. 07522, made September 9, 1911, for the E 1/2 of E 1/2 of Section 12, Township 40 S., Range 2 E., Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said Henry C. Henkle has fully abandoned and deserted said tract for more than six months last past and has never during the life of his entry made any improvements upon or cultivated any of said land.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken as confessed, and your said entry will be canceled without further right to be heard, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically responding to these allegations of contest, together with due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail.

You should state in your answer the name of the postoffice to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.
J. M. UPTON,
Register.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON EXECUTION IN FORECLOSURE.

Chas. E. Sams, Plaintiff, vs. R. A. Pierce, May Pierce, Eda A. Caldwell, C. B. Caldwell, Elizabeth Fowler, S. C. Carroll and Mrs. S. C. Carroll, Defendants.

By virtue of an Execution and an Order of Sale duly issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Jackson, dated the 1st day of July, 1915, in a certain cause therein, wherein Chas. E. Sams, as plaintiff, on the 1st day of July, 1915, recovered a judgment against R. A. Pierce and May Pierce for the sum of \$7,625.00 with interest thereon from said 1st day of July, 1915, at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, (\$500.00) Five Hundred Dollars attorney's fee and the further sum of Forty-three and 40-100 dollars costs, which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the Clerk's office of said Court in said County on the 1st day of July, 1915, and is of record in Volume 23 of the Circuit Court Journal at page 129 thereof.

In compliance with the commands of said Execution and Order of Sale, I will on Saturday, the 7th day of August, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. at the front door of the Court House in Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, offer for sale and will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, subject to redemption as is by law provided, all of the right, title and interest of the defendants in and to the following described real property lying and being situated in Jackson County, State of Oregon, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the SW corner of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 16, in Twp. 36 South of Range 4 West of W. M. in Jackson County, Oregon; thence South 78 degrees East (variation 19 degrees) 69 rods and 15 links; thence North 13 degrees East 106 rods; thence West 88 rods and 10 links and thence South 80 rods to the place of beginning, containing 50 acres, more or less.

All of the above described real property will be sold at said time and place in the manner provided by law for the sale of real property under execution to satisfy the judgment, attorney's fees, costs and accruing costs of sale.

Dated this 1st day of July, 1915.
W. H. SINGLER, Sheriff.
By E. W. Wilson, Deputy.
13-5t-Thurs.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE UNDER EXECUTION IN FORECLOSURE.

H. M. McFarland, Plaintiff, vs. F. W. Shapleigh, administrator of the Estate of Mary W. Shapleigh, deceased, F. W. Shapleigh, Frances Mary Shapleigh and Meredith Ann Shapleigh, minor heirs of Mary W. Shapleigh, deceased, Walter B. Watson, Fannie J. Watson and James C. Jones, Defendants.

By virtue of an Execution and an Order of Sale duly issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Jackson, dated the 3rd day of July, 1915, in a certain cause therein, wherein H. M. McFarland as plaintiff did on the 30th day of June, 1915, recover a judgment against the above named defendants for the sum of Four Thousand, Seventeen and 67-100 (\$4,017.67) Dollars, with interest thereon from said 18th day of March, 1915, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum and Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars attorney's fee, and the further sum of Twenty-four and 5-100 (\$24.05) Dollars costs, which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the Clerk's office on the 30th day of June, 1915, and is of record in Volume 23 of the Circuit Court Journal at pages 122, 123, 124 thereof.

I am commanded by said Execution and Order of Sale to make sale of the hereinafter described real property to satisfy the judgment, costs and the accruing costs of this sale, together with the attorney's fees. I will therefore on Saturday, August 7th, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. at the front door of the Court House in Jacksonville, Jackson County, State of Oregon, offer for sale and will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all the right, title and interest of the defendants in and to the following described real property, to-wit:

The lot numbered Five (5) in Block number Two (2) of the Humphrey Knight Addition to the City of Medford, subject to an easement along the north four feet thereof for a driveway, with the right to use a strip of land four feet wide along the south side of the lot adjoining, perpetually for ingress from the rear of said premises.

July 3rd, 1915.
W. H. SINGLER, Sheriff.
By E. W. Wilson, Deputy.
13-5t-Thurs.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account as administrator of the estate of Lavina Mings, deceased, in the County Court of Jackson county, Oregon, and that said court has appointed Saturday, the 28th day of August, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, as the time and the courtroom of said court in the court house at Jacksonville, Jackson county, Oregon, for hearing objections thereto, the settlement thereof and the distribution of said estate. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at said time and place and show cause, if any there be, why said final account should not be approved by the court, said estate be decreed to be fully settled, a decree made for the distribution of all of said estate to the persons entitled thereto and said administrator discharged from his said trust.

Dated and first published July 29, 1915.
EVERETT MINGUS,
Administrator of the Estate of Lavina Mings, Deceased.
18-5t-Thurs.