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Salem, June 30.—The state land board is about to begin suit against the state board of agriculture for the foreclosure of a mortgage against the state fair grounds for the sum of \$20,000, and the question will arise as to whether or not the Oregon state fair, supported in part by appropriations from the legislature, and owned by the state through warrantee deed, can be purchased by private parties.

In 1885 the old Oregon Agricultural Society, under whose auspices a state fair has been held for a number of years, went before the legislature and secured an appropriation from the general funds for the payment of debt, and the act making this appropriation provided that the governor should appoint a part of the managing board, the other members to be named by the old association.

The affairs of the board still running behind, the sum of \$11,000 was borrowed from the state land board out of the school fund at 8 per cent interest. This was done on December 29, 1890, and the loan was made necessary on account of the period of hard times through which the country had just passed. One year later the fair board was notified that the note was due, but as there was no funds with which to pay, the matter was allowed to stand, until 1899, when the board found itself with a depleted exchequer and \$7000 additional indebtedness hanging over it in the form of warrants marked "Not paid for lack of funds."

The legislature was again appealed to, and again made the appropriation for paying the indebtedness, but this time required that the lands be deeded to the state. A new board of managers was then appointed, known as the state board of agriculture, consisting of five members, which still controls the fair. The transfer was made subject to the mortgage, so the condition now is that the state of Oregon owes the school fund the sum of \$11,000 and nearly \$9,000 additional interest. The state land

board has made various demands on the fair board, for the payment of this debt, but without result, and now the land board has instructed the attorney-general to investigate the matter and see if the mortgage can be foreclosed, and he stated yesterday that he thought proceedings would be commenced within a short time, and unless the legislature interferes and appropriates the necessary money for paying off the mortgage, the property will have to go to the highest bidder. The property is estimated to be worth at least \$35,000.

Secretary Wylie A. Moores said: "The state board of agriculture has no funds or income available to pay this debt. Our only source of revenue is gate receipts and concessions, together with the \$10,000 appropriated annually by the legislature, which can be used for no other purpose than paying premiums. The other revenues are necessary for the payment of the expenses. The land belongs to the state and the state owes the money to the state, and except a specific appropriation be made for its payment, I don't see how it can be done."

Notice.

For the purpose of correcting an impression which exists in the minds of some that William Thompson, Arnold and Albert Davey have done some injury to my little boy Salvador Arcidiacono, I beg to say that I have discovered that the injuries were purely an accident and the boys had nothing to do with them.

MARIANO ARCIDIACONO.
June 28, 1904.

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