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THE WEATHER

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Fair.

OREGON STATE FAIR.

The State Fair of Oregon, for 1918, will be held at Salem during the week including September 14-19. The Oregon fair is the leading agricultural exposition on the Pacific Coast; that is acknowledged by all other states. Special efforts have been put forth by the management to make the coming fair the greatest ever in the history of the organization. Extended classifications of livestock, increased premiums and additional conveniences for exhibitors in all departments will assure unsurpassed displays which should be seen by great crowds of people every day during the week. The progressive farmers and stock growers of the state and the Pacific Northwest have expended considerable time and money during the past year in the betterment of their herds and flocks, and many of them have signified their intention to show their best animals at the fair next month.

Frank A. Welch, secretary of the fair board, has received information which indicates that there will be ten or more counties to participate in what is known as the "county exhibits" contest for the cash premiums aggregating \$1300 divided into eight premiums, the first being \$300, second, \$250, third \$200, fourth \$150, and the remainder \$100 each. This exhibit must contain agricultural and horticultural products, and any other articles that will show up the resources of the state. The counties thus far expected to participate are Clatsop, Columbia, Clackamas, Multnomah, Marion, Yamhill, Linn, Lane, Benton, Douglas and Josephine—these being in the western part of the state; and it is believed that one or two counties of the eastern portion will enter the contest which would add considerable interest to the great future, which in the past has been the admiration of thousands of people. These exhibits will be made in the main pavilion, which is large and commodious and nicely arranged in every respect. Besides the county displays, the Oregon Agricultural College will be represented by specimens of work done by its students and faculty in the past, the superintendent having sent in notice for increased space in the building. There will also be special farm exhibits, and the horticultural department is going to be full to overflowing.

The racing department will be far better than in the past; and that means a great deal, as the best races in the Pacific Northwest have taken place on the Oregon State Fair track. The grandstand has been remodelled and its capacity increased to nearly double. There will be no liquor establishments permitted on the grounds this year, and pool selling has been made a thing of the past. Numerous improvements about the race course have been made which will lend an attractiveness to the speed contests and will be highly appreciated by the spectators which will be numbered by many thousands this year. A high class of harness horses will be at the fair in an effort to pull down the rich purses offered, and between heats there will be some specialties to amuse the crowds.

It is the duty of all Oregonians to patronize the fair, as it is an agricultural exposition in every sense of the word. The sum of \$10,000, appropriated by the legislature for premiums on livestock and agricultural and manufactured products, is widely distributed and does much towards assisting in the development of the agricultural resources of the state and the upper Pacific Coast.

THE COMMISSION SYSTEM.

In view of the numerous and weighty municipal propositions likely to come before this people in the near future, and for the sake of properly distributing the burdens of responsibility and operation and minimizing the chance of failure and

fiasco generally, it may be well for the Astorian to do some thinking along the line of municipal government "by commission," the system of civic control and administration that is rapidly superseding the old councilmanic program, including the mayorality, with its voluminous and diversified powers and range of irrational procedure and notable inefficiency.

The civic commission calls for the trained business man in a single relation, to which he can devote his best knowledge and experience without having to take note and charge of issues and matters of complex and unusual concern to him. Departmental work is segregated and placed in hands capable of disposing of it correctly, safely and economically, directly amenable to the people, with no chance to share, evade nor discount the official liability attaching to the particular post and function to which he is especially elected.

Portland is making a movement to secure this new and ideal government and every city of size and promise in the state should be seriously thinking out the excellence and security inseparable from the principle and procedure to which the best and biggest municipalities of the country have turned for relief and progressive bases.

MAY BE SIGNIFICANT.

The final conveyance of the fine waterfront property on the south shore of Young's Bay, 3760 feet pier-head frontage by 6000 in depth, by F. S. Stanley to the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, at this time, has a tinge of significance when a lot of collateral circumstances are taken into consideration. The visit of the Director of Maintenance and Operation, Julius Kruttschnitt, of the Harriman system, just preceding the transfer of the terminal site, and evidently made on his order; the fact that the O. R. & N. wants a dock and station in that neighborhood; the movement for an electric line that will, in all probability, bisect that terminal site on its way to Seaside and Tillamook; the timely coming of A. B. Hammond to this port and the fact of his immense timber holdings in the Nehalem country; the summoning of Mr. Stanley to meet Mr. Harriman at Pelican Bay, simultaneously with the passing of the land, all contribute a quota of interest in the transaction, whether they are severally, remotely, or intimately, interwoven in the scheme of development that is felt to be on foot here.

The people of Astoria will be glad to know that something in the way of real competition is to arise in the transportation interests hereabout, for the good that must come to the city and section when such concerns as the N. P. and S. P. get to hustling each other for advantage and profit. It is also said that the O. R. & N. is looking to a way of expediting the handling of salmon direct from the canneries about the bay, and this may have something to do with the new turn of affairs on the West Side; but whatever is behind it (and there is something of moment) it will undoubtedly manifest itself plainly by fall, and we shall have cause for satisfaction if it shall point to the opening up of the Nehalem country, now the chiefest proposition to every one in Clatsop county, especially since the Lytle road into the Tillamook has been "side-tracked."

DEAD AT 101.

VIRGINIA CITY, Mont., Aug. 15.—James Boner, aged 101, believed to be the oldest resident of Montana, is dead here.

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J. J. Staub and wife to S. C. Pier, strip of land 5 feet wide across west side of lot 9, block 6, Grime's Grove; \$10.
W. J. Gill and wife to F. W. German and Nellie German, south half of lots 1 and 2, block 6, Railroad addition to Ocean Grove; \$10.
Thomas R. Davies and wife and John Chitwood to F. H. Goodell, lot 1, block 137, McClure's Astoria; \$10.
Hermosa Park Investment Co. to John Schlenck, lot 6, block 8, Hermosa Park; \$200.
Hermosa Park Investment Co. to Anna Mitchell, lot 7, block 8, Hermosa Park; \$200.
Sarah Flynn and husband to Abram Hummest, 4 acres in S. 27, T. 8 N., R. 8; \$325.
John W. Welch and wife to Theodore F. Laurin, north 115 feet of lots 1 and 2, block 21, Shively's Astoria; \$5500.
F. S. Stanley and wife to O. R. & N. Company, lands facing on Young's Bay, abutting on or fronting east half of Coffinbury D. L. C.; \$1.
Standard Land Co. to Columbia Trust Co., lands beginning at NW corner of George Davidson D. L. C., S. 33, T. 8 N., R. 10 W.; \$100.
Theo. Kruse Catering Co. to Christen Hansen, lots 18, 20 and 22, block 2, Gearhart Park; \$250.
Theo. Kruse Catering Co. to A. Y. Beach, lots 39 and 40, block 3, Kruse's first addition to Gearhart Park; \$300. Also lots 18 and 20, block 4, and lots 25 and 26, block 1, Gearhart Park; \$500.
William Knapp and wife to Cyrus C. Knapp, undivided half interest in west half of the north 80 acres of SW. 1-4 of S. 30, T. 8 N., R. 7 W.; \$10.
Alex Gilbert and wife to Lydia E. Mitchell, lot 6, block 7, Mulkey's Addition to Seaside; \$200.
Theo. Kruse Catering Co. to Geo. P. Holman, lots 1, 2 and 6, block 5, Gearhart Park; \$800.
Samuel Swirsky & Co. to Edmund

Ford, lots 15, 16, 17 and 19, block 9, Logan's subdivision of Clatsop Grove; \$10.

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