

STATE FAIR OPENS IN SEVEN DAYS

ONE MORE WEEK AND THE GATES OF OREGON'S BLUE RIBBON EXHIBITION WILL SWING WIDE—IS EXPECTED TO SOLICIT ALL OTHERS.

Many Prominent Racing Men from All Over the Country Are Already on the Ground—Everything Is Ready for the Placing of the Exhibits and Opening Day Will See the Show Entirely Completed.

(Journal Special Service.) Salem, Sept. 8.—One week from today Oregon's blue ribbon state fair will open for the best and most interesting exhibition of the state's various products ever seen on the Pacific coast, and even today, a week before the opening, everything is ready on the fair grounds for the placing of exhibits, the entire space used for fair purposes being in better condition and a greater state of readiness for the exposition than is usually the case the day before the fair opens to the public.

President Wehrung and Secretary Wisdom are now on the ground and are supervising the final arrangements. They find so many applications for camp sites that the camp ground in front of the fair grounds, neatly laid out in lots and blocks, with every camp site numbered, will be found insufficient to accommodate all comers, and room will have to be made for some of these inside the fence surrounding the fair grounds.

Improvements to Buildings. Improvements and additions to the buildings appear everywhere. New horse stalls and cattle sheds appear on every hand and old buildings have been repaired and rebuilt. The grandstand at the racetrack, placed on a solid concrete foundation, is now in better condition than ever and perfectly safe for the thousands that will occupy it to see the races. The grandstand has been provided with a number of boxes at the front, to be sold to special parties desiring to see the races, or to be used by distinguished guests visiting the fair.

The first of the county exhibits is on the ground and is being placed in the pavilion and arranged for show. It is that of Polk county, gathered and prepared by Mrs. Wolf of Falls City, who has visited the fair for several years with similar exhibits. This year she has a splendid collection of the products of Polk county, and she is arranging and displaying them tastefully in the space allotted her in the pavilion. There will be nine other county exhibits in the pavilion, as follows: Marion, Washington, Yamhill, Lane, Linn, Jackson, Douglas, Union and Umatilla. In addition to these will be an exhibit of fruits from the Hood river district, and with all of these the pavilion will be crowded and space will be at a premium.

Livestock List is Large. The livestock list will be fully 50 per cent larger than last year, and the very best of cattle, horses, sheep, goats, swine, chickens, etc., only will be exhibited. Livestock now on hand and the bulk of it will be here before Friday. This will be the biggest cattle show of the coast, over 400 head of the best quality having already been entered. These belong to the following well-known breeders: Shorthorns, Herefords, Red Polls, Polled Angus, Devons, Brown Swiss, Holsteins, Jerseys, Ayrshires, Galloways.

Stock is being consigned, to the management by nearly all the large breeders of the Northwest, to be sold in the sales department, a new, and one of the most important features of the fair. This is done for the purpose of distributing the fine stock among the smaller farmers throughout the country and introducing the fine breeds as a matter of education. Already over 120 head of registered cattle have been entered for the auction department and more are expected.

There will be a representative exhibit of pure bred draft horses and standard bred trotting horses, as well as other stock of the best strains. All the departments have been extended and enlarged and still it now appears as though the capacity will not be equal to the demands for space made on the board.

Racing Will Draw Crowds. The racing department alone will be a great drawing card for the fair, and the program will be one of the best ever offered on a Pacific coast track. The racing program will be a splendid one every day, especially arranged to accommodate the many outside horses that will be here, or are here now. The Greater Salem stake of \$2,000 for 2:17 pacers and the \$1,000 2:11 pace, will be pulled off on Salem day, while the Lewis and Clark stake of \$2,000 for 2:20 trotters and the Oregon derby, \$1,000, a one and a quarter mile dash, will be the attractions on Portland day. Among the horsemen coming to the fair some of the most famous stables in the West are represented. W. A. Clark, Jr., a son of United States Senator Clark of Montana, will be here from Butte with a fine racing stable, and he has horses entered in both the big stakes. Capt. Goodall of Goodall, Perkins & Co., San Francisco, will have his splendid stable here and has entries in both the big stakes. J. W. Miller, a wealthy mining man from Colorado, is bringing a stable of fine horses here and will try for some of the big purses, while many smaller stables from all over the Northwest will come here at that time and help make the racing program the best in the history of the Northwest.

Track in Condition. All the racing men now here are delighted with the prospects and the splendid condition of the Lane Oak track is a never-ending source of pleasure to them.

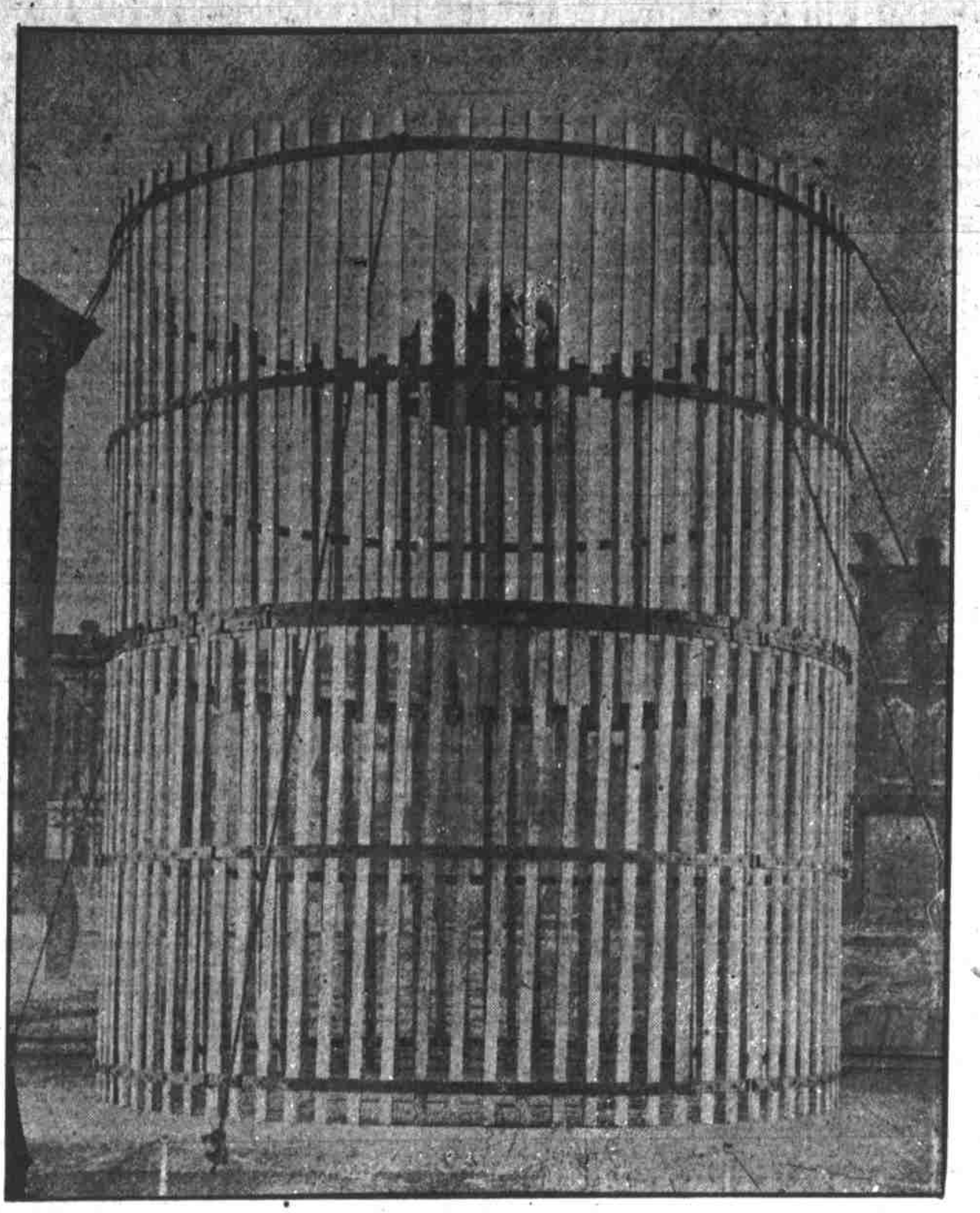
The board only has one regret in connection with the fair, and that is that they will be unable to supply all the concessions asked for. There are so many applications for concessions from all over the state that it will be impossible to place and satisfy all who are desirous of securing locations. The outlook is indeed a splendid one, and the board has no fear as to the result, unless the weather should be so bad that the attendance should be cut down, and there is little fear of that at this time.

Board Completes Labors. The Marion county board of equalization completed its labors on Saturday evening after a week's session. Few taxpayers appeared before the board, and consequently few changes were made in the valuation of property in the county. Among the changes made were the increase in the valuations of the stocks of merchandise of two Salem firms—J. J. Dalrymple & Co., from \$6,000 to \$8,000, and J. L. Stockton & Co., from \$8,000 to \$8,000. A farm near Turner was raised from \$1 to \$15 per acre, and some wild land in the Cascade mountains, belonging to the Oregon & California Railroad Company, was changed from \$2 to \$1.50 per acre.

Efforts were made by the Salem Flouring Mills Company and other corporations owning the Mill creek water power franchise and by the Lowenberg & Going Company, owning the foundry in the penitentiary, to secure the abolition of this taxation, but without result. These properties were taxed for the first time last year, and the act of the assessor raised a storm of protest. This year the franchises were not taxed separately, but the value added to the real estate, and efforts were made to reduce the valuations. These values, as placed upon the property last year, and again this year, are:

Salem Flouring Mills Company, last year, \$34,199; this year, \$45,200, an increase of \$11,000 for four water powers. Thomas Kay Woolen Mills Company, from \$1,000 to \$15,000, an increase of \$4,000 for one water power. Salem Water Company, from \$3,000 to \$7,000, an increase of \$4,000 for one power. The Lowenberg & Going Company, whose property was valued at \$15,000, asked for a reduction in value, the valuation being allowed to sign a protest. Gov. Chamberlain on Saturday afternoon appointed F. S. Bramwell of La Grande a delegate to the American Mining Congress at Deadwood and Lead, S. D., to succeed Cecil C. Bauer, resigned.

"Cyclone" Rides 40 Feet Into the Air Up a Perpendicular Wall of Seats



Among the many features that George Jabour will bring to Portland's big fall carnival is W. A. Scharr, known as "Cyclone," in his sensational act "The Devil's Chimney," which is the climax of hazardous and dangerous feats. The photograph reproduced is of Mr. Scharr riding up a perpendicular wall of slats to a height of 40 feet. The momentum required to perform the feat is almost beyond realization. Director-General Bentley of the Multnomah carnival, who saw Mr. Scharr perform the feat at Seattle declares that looping the loop is a mere trifle compared with this performance.

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POSTS FIELD DAY'S PROGRAM PUBLISHED

Vancouver Harbors Men Monthly Meet in Which Various Athletic Contests Are Pulled Off Between Men and Teams.

Vancouver, Wash., Sept. 8.—On September 15 the first post field day will be held here among the enlisted men. A regular program will be carried out each month and the men averaging the best in the various events will be sent to the department meet which will be held once a year. This plan is in accordance with the government's plan to increase the pleasures of the enlisted men and to provide for their entertainment and social welfare.

The published program for the 15th is as follows: Running 100-yard dash, running broad and high jump, running hop, step and jump, standing broad jump, pole vault, throwing 16-pound hammer, putting 16-pound shot, throwing 56-pound weight for height, 120-yard hurdles, baseball game, tug of war. The tug of war will be participated in by teams of 11 men to consist of a captain, an anchor and nine men on rope, all of the same company or battery. Plans have been adopted for a big gymnasium at the local post and when it is completed all teams and individual athletes will have a well-furnished gym in which to train. Until that time comes the various teams will utilize spare rooms as they can find. The athletic club of the Twenty-sixth battery is at present occupying quarters in the Auditorium, which are well furnished and supplied with modern apparatus.

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