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A THOUSAND DOLLAR EAR OF CORN; THEN SOME.

It is said that James J. Hill, during his lifetime, offered \$1000 for a perfect ear of corn twelve inches long.

If the shade of the railroad king and empire builder could look in at the Salem corn show, there would be disclosed a perfect ear of yellow corn twelve and a half inches long; filled with row on row of perfect kernels, from tip to tip.

And this thousand dollar ear of corn (and then some) was raised by Gust Heyden, on the slough road, just above Salem.

And this is the third year Mr. Hayden has exhibited at the Marion county corn show.

And his exhibits have grown better from year to year; and from ear to ear—if the reader will excuse the play on words.

This is the fifth Marion county corn show held in Salem. The father of the Marion county corn show is Luther J. Chapin, and he is a proud father, with reasons.

The first show was fair; the next was better; the next still better; the next much improved, and this one will compare with the best in the United States.

"In the United States?" you ask.

Well, Lewis Wilkinson, just arrived from near St. Paul, Minn., was a visitor at the Marion county corn show yesterday, and he said he never saw better corn in that state.

People have attended from Indiana, Iowa, Illinois and other corn states, and the general testimony is that this is as good corn as can be grown anywhere in the United States, or in any other country.

This means a great deal for Oregon.

Corn of the best quality can be raised here; is raised here.

Our corn growers will be obliged to adopt a corn crib suitable for our damp fall and winter weather.

But they will do this, in time.

And the faster improvements are adopted such as have marked the past five years of corn production in the country of which Salem is the commercial center, the better it will be for the central Willamette valley and her queen city.

If you have not already done so, go today and see the thousand dollar ear of corn (and then some), and all the fine displays of corn. It will be good for your loyalty to the Willamette valley and Oregon, and it will encourage the exhibitors to make still more improvements for the sixth annual show, in 1919.

NOT MUCH SHOW

Editor Maximilian Harden says that the kaiser misused his calling. He should have been in the show business. He declares he is the greatest showman in the world. The rest of us are not so sure about that. He didn't give Belgium much of a show and he is making a rather poor show of himself just now.

THE RIGHT START.

The provisional government in Poland is holding out for a republic and will encourage no king. An election will be held January 21 in which all men and women shall have equal voice. All titles and honors have been abolished and those in authority have declared for absolute freedom of speech and action.

That is the right start. But it does not follow that all the countries in the infant class of republics will have smooth sailing from the beginning.

DIVE FOR IT.

If the Germans are hungry the navy department might make 'em a Christmas present of the names and nearest known locations of the vessels laden with provisions that were sunk during undersea warfare. Then let 'em have the use of half a dozen of their submarines and split fifty-fifty with them on the stuff they salvage. There must be enough food supplies on the bottom of old ocean to keep Neptune and Davy Jones for a million years.—Los Angeles Times.

REAL PROGRESSIVES.

Turkey has a Progressive party that has given an object lesson of what spelling progress with a capital "P" can really accomplish. For four years the Progressive party has been in control of the government and finances of Turkey. During that time 3,000,000 persons have been massacred, another million have been starved to death and taxes have been increased past the point of confiscation.

It begins to appear that the Progressive party in the United States was only a piker.

Catarrah is an excessive secretion, accompanied with a chronic inflammation, from the mucous membrane. Hood's Sarsaparilla acts on the mucous membrane through the blood, reduces inflammation, establishes healthy action, and radically cures all cases of catarrah.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Good people, listen:

That is a great corn show.

It would do credit to any of the great corn states.

It will be open till 5 o'clock this evening.

There were 155 entries for prizes, 55 of them 10 ear and 23 of them 100 ear entries, besides the single and pop corn and sweet corn entries and the display entries.

And then there is the Mt. Angel exhibit, with 38 lots, that arrived on Thursday, too late for entry; after the judging was over. The Mt. Angel display is a pretty good corn show itself.

And if you go and see it, you surely have to acknowledge the corn, if you have not already done so.

All this goes to show that the district surrounding Salem is coming into its own as a corn country. And it means that great additions are being made, and are bound to continue to be made, to the wealth of this section. There is nothing that runs into money faster than corn and the livestock prepared for the market on corn products. Corn may not become king here in the Willamette valley; kings are out of date, any way; but it is sure to rank along with the vice president in the order of products of our soil.

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MATHEMATICALLY, WHY NOT?

If there is work for 100,000 Germans for twenty years in restoring devastated France, why not put on a million Germans and finish up the job in two years.—Boston Globe.

PRIVATE KONKLE IS RECOVERING

Piece of Shell Wounds Him in Back and He Is Sent to Hospital

Yesterday's casualty list reports as severely wounded First Class Private Fred L. Konkle of Company K, Third Oregon. Yesterday a friend here received a letter from him, dated November 20, at Camp Hospital No. 26 in France, in which he says:

"I was wounded on the Soissons front on the 19th day of July. I was waiting orders to go ahead. I was in a small dugout with my first lieutenant and first sergeant when one of the big guns with 77mm shells came over and exploded right over us. It knocked one corporal of ours over by the shock, and the piece knocked down one, and one piece killed one of our sergeants. Another hit our first lieutenant and the other one hit me in the back. It came within an inch of my spine and penetrated quite a distance. Then I pulled off my pistol and my bolo and French knife and walked to the dressing station. Was dressed by a major and a Frenchman, then I went to a French hospital, was laid on the table and a couple of French corporals gave me a bath, then they took me to the operating room. There they strapped me down and laid some gauze on my eyes and nose and the interpreter told me to breathe naturally. Then they started to give me ether, and of all the stranglings, I sure did it, but when I came to I was not a bit sick. I came out of it as if I just waked out of a long sleep. Then I raised up and there was a rubber sheet and a pool of blood under me. The interpreter told me to lie down, that there was nothing the matter with me only a gash in my back about 10 inches long. They kept me there three days, then they moved me to the United States hospital No. 1 at Paris. They kept me there two days, then sent me to Base hospital No. 20. I was there about three months, then came to camp hospital No. 26, A. P. O. 727."

The censor on the letter: "Just want to tell you that Fred is getting along fine and will be O. K. soon."

He Was Weak and All Run Down. "I thought my kidneys might be the cause of my run down condition and weakness," writes W. H. Frear, 63 Myrtle ave., Albany, N. Y., "so I took Foley Kidney Pills and they did the work. I cheerfully recommend them. You can use my name wherever you wish. They stop rheumatic aches. J. C. Perry.

CLOVERDALE

CLOVERDALE, Or., Dec. 19.—Mrs. W. J. Hadley returned home on Sunday from Salem, where she had been visiting a few days.

The W. C. T. U. met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. John McKinney and spent a very pleasant day making quilts.

Miss Emma Schifferer of Stayton spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schifferer.

J. Schifferer, J. D. Craig and W. Young were among the Salem visitors Saturday.

Fred Feller has bought the W. G. Young place. Mr. Young and family expect to go east to live.

F. A. Wood and family and W. Wilson and family were in Salem on Saturday.

Mrs. Gus Drager returned from Portland Thursday. Her daughter Emma, who is sick there, was much better when Mrs. Drager left.

Mrs. J. E. Whitehead of Turner spent Friday here visiting with her mother, Mrs. Kunkle.

Influenza Gets Old and Young. "Grip" and "flu" coughs should not be neglected. Profit by the experience of thousands like Mrs. Mary Kisby, 3533 Princeton ave., Spokane, Wash., who writes: "Our little boy found relief in wonderful Foley's Honey and Tar. It surely cured me. I am 75 years old; had very bad cough from la grippe." J. C. Perry.

Livesley Sunday School Remembers Old People

LIVESLEY, Or., Dec. 19.—Next Sunday the members of the Sunday school will give a donation of fruit and vegetables to the Old People's home in Salem. For several years it has been the custom of Livesley Sunday school to remember the home at the Christmas season. All members are urged to bring gifts, either small or great, to bring cheer to the old folk.

C. D. Query is having the basement built for his warehouse, which he intends to have constructed in the near future.

N. N. Carpenter is building an addition to his house, and wife are in Falls City where Mr. Coleman is employed in the mill.

Mrs. Harry Ent of Vancouver was a week-end visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Foster.

Mrs. L. King is in Salem staying with Mrs. T. Holly this week.

Fifty-five members were secured in the Red Cross drive here.

Friends Pay Tribute to Late John H. Cradlebaugh

Many friends of the late John H. Cradlebaugh gathered for the funeral at the family home, Washington and Saginaw streets, Thursday afternoon. The beautiful funeral service of the Masonic order was conducted and interment took place in City View cemetery. Music was furnished by a special quartet composed of C. E. Knowland, George C. L. Snyder, Ivan G. Martin and J. Frank Hughes. The pallbearers were Charles Barbour, M. O. Brooks, Charles V. Galoway, R. M. Holt, H. S. Poissal and E. C. Van Slyke.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC...

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FOREST FIRE LOSSES SHOWN

Damage Runs Over a Billion Feet During Recent Dry Season in Oregon

The financial loss due to forest fires in Oregon during the fire season of the summer and fall of this year totaled \$734,692.25, the annual report of State Forester F. A. Elliott shows. The fires covered 75,757 acres of merchantable timber, damaging and destroying 1,107,743,000 feet, board measure. Of this amount 544,582,000 can be salvaged because of its proximity to transportation lines. Up to September 26 the loss was 117,743,000 feet, an average year's loss, but between September 26 and October 2 crown fires in Clatsop, Tillamook and Linn counties damaged or destroyed 930,000,000 feet.

The heavy timber loss is attributed to unusual weather conditions marked by shortage of rain and to scarcity of labor, making it impossible to obtain sufficient help at critical times. Added to this the month of September was the warmest in the state ever recorded by the weather bureau. Under the several classifications 476 fire wardens were appointed during the season, a decrease of 106 compared with 1917, due mainly to scarcity of labor. Total expenditures for patrol and improvement work were \$155,982.26, of which 82 per cent was by timber owners, 12 1/2 per cent by the state and 5 1/2 per cent from the Weeks law fund. Old trails were cleared a total distance of 2213 miles and 78 miles of new trails were built. By the maximum allotment of \$800 to the state from the Weeks law fund the report points out that Oregon's system of fire protection has again been recognized by the government as being equal to that of any other state.

Lands in the Oregon-California land grant which are located in association districts pay their share of the most of patrol, the report shows, the government having appropriated funds for the protection of these lands. The acreage of lands patrolled by associations during the season was as follows: Association members, 3,038,588; state under contract as provided by the fire law, 1,582,516; federal government for the Oregon-California land grant, 1,262,939; total, 5,884,043.

State Forester Elliott's report pays a tribute to the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen for the patriotic service given the state. "In the value of forest products,

number of people given employment, its future development the timber outside capital brought into the state, industry of Oregon stands pre-eminent over any other in the state, supplies and in the possibilities for the report declares.



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