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## ABOUT STATR FAIRS

Oregon is chided rather pointedly by the La
Grande Observer for having a state fair, sinee Grande Observer for having a state fair, sinee
state fairs, the eastern Oregon paper informs uas,
are out of date, back numbers, dead, with obsequies long since eondueted.
After spending a day at the After spending a day at the fair "we came to
the conelusion that Oregon is not awake to the faet
that state fairs have passed into oblivion and we that state fairs have passed into oblivion and we
are still attempting to foree something onto the
people that time in her majestic advancement has people that time in her majestie advancement has
written the death knell to many years ago," the
Observer Observer contends. Remarking that people go be-
ceuse they feel it is a duty, the paper continues
Pure Portland alone can support a big attendance and
Portland is still living under the belief thet they
vhould attend one day for business reasons, Yet when expositions throughout the country
continue to break. previous attendance records, continue to break. previous attendance records,
with the "worlds greatest state fair" in Minne-
bota opening its gates to 408,023 persons this
gear year, when Oklahomans even forget abont the
Governor Walton-Ka, Klux Klan imbrogio 1ong
eliough to attend the annual show, when exhibits are displayed in greater quantities, and in a large
proportion of eases are of better quality, there approportion of ceases are of better quality, there ap-
pears room for slight hope, at leasts, that state
fati fairs mod live on to a ripe old age. matter- is the rapiay growirg , lub members, who
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time after time have entered their stoek and their agrieultural produets, in open classes and won rib-
bons from veteran exhibitors, If the farm ean be kept attractive for these youthful contestants,
there will be no need of fueeral ritea at the stato fair grounds,
Oregon's next step is not to abolish the state
fair, but rather to onen the expoeition gates each
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may boast an array of permanent biatings
will give the fair an outward appearance also
being a genuine show The abov "he "next sep patent, and being the conenclusions are sound
step by step. Every yea
i larger erowd than the year before, and more and bette And the Oregon state fair has in the past several year The new pavilion is a ereditable permanent building; so is the
nifw poultry building and especially is this true of the mag nificent stadium, which stands as a monument to the splendi
vision, of How. M. L. Jones, who sponsored its construetio when he was on the state fair board.
The Telegram ii right. There should be still more per
manent buildings. The Oregon state fair will endure and grow, and its great importance and manifest usefulness in the
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bividigs and facilities that ean be had, under prudent but pro
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provided tin the saise was. - I P © The thing in the wayve from the Portfand Telegram tho rgard to the state stand that
But the Telegran at that time had different ownets and
editora. citcors. The former editors of that paperrerent argued that and the
place for the state fair was at Portland. It,was a mistakeit
idea. It was an exhibition of narrowness, too-
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without a great eounntry and a great population behind it. The
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fion liofore Porthand beomes a city of a half nillion people-
und a nilion people will have to be sustained in the Willam-
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