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OREGON STATE FAIR.

First Day.

The clouds of Saturday and Sunday all cleared off and gave us yesterday a day in October's best style. The atmosphere was mild and agreeable, earth and sky wore their loveliest and kindest hues, and man responded to the invitation of Nature and the Agricultural Society by thronging to the Fair Grounds by hundreds and even thousands, and bringing very liberally both of products and handwork to add to the interest of the occasion.

It is not usual that the first day of the Fair sees so large a crowd on the grounds. It is not usual for the articles on exhibition to make much of an appearance on Monday, or for the receipts to show as well as they did yesterday. There is every prospect of an excellent Fair and a successful one in every particular.

Mr. Delos Jefferson has the charge of a portion of the business of granting licenses, the same position he held last year, and he assures us that his receipts in that department were already one half more than last year for the whole fair. The excellent Secretary, Mr. E. M. Waite, assures us that every thing looks "bully" and rubs his hands with a glee that hasn't visited his phiz, in connection with State Fairs, for several years past.

The Pavilion was already assuming unwonted attractiveness, for Monday is Blue Monday of Fair week. The articles of needle work were being put in place; the various fancy articles and specimens of nice wares were coming into view, duly labeled, and the middle room was alive with sewing machines and the various musical and other instruments that always find place there.

In the further hall the flower stands were being filled full; huge squashes looked across the hall at Watson's Hood river apples, the emptiness was every where vanishing and giving place to beauty or utility.

Outside the Pavilion the throngs were constantly increasing, and the dusty teams were driving up to the outside camping places and unloading their loads of humanity and of provender for man and beast, and shaking the dust off their clothes went to making camps for themselves in the oak groves.

The sprinklers will have the roads from town in better order to day, and they will need to be if what a hackman told me is true, that double the number of teams are running that were here last year. The shows are gorgeous with their blazings and signs; their attractions are auctioned off by loud voiced fellows who ought to have double pay for the wear and tear of their gutta percha lungs.

In regard to stock the Fair will be a great success, if the arrivals continue as expected. S. G. Reed has his Short Horn herd well represented; also his Ayrshires, and his sheep pens are well stocked with Cotswold's and Leicester's. His Berkshire pigs are there, and a new entry, made here for the first time, is his Clydesdale stallion, mares and colts. Dalby & Co., of Victoria, have entered their Short Horns, and we hope to see them prove of superior quality, as of course they are, or they would not be brought from so far.

We see the name of Polk's Saxe on some stalls, showing pure bred Short Horns. G. W. Dimmick has his Devons on hand, but we cannot pretend to more than outline the appearance of things, and show on what ground they predicate hopes of an excellent Fair.

In the line of sheep the entries are numerous and the quality of the stock satisfactory. Z. Hall, Polk county, shows three pens of Cotswolds hard to beat; his best buck he bought in Kentucky. Thomas L. Davidson has his Merinos there numerous; L. H. Hunaker shows French Merinos; John Minto shows Spanish, French and American Merinos and Leicester's; we have alluded to S. G. Reed's sheep pens; J. K. Cameron, of Linkville, Oregon, shows a lot of excellent sheep of various families. But we are not trying to give a list of entries, and the splendid lots of horses are too numerous to even refer to now. The horses will be attended to fully in time. The success of the Fair is very important, not only to the Society, but to all Oregon, for the interests of our State are represented there, and our progress is reflected better there than any where else.

The entire number of entries up to last evening were exactly 700, including cattle, 41; horses, 90; sheep, 85; swine and poultry, 11; manufactures, 66; and two ladies already compete for the prize as Equestrians. The receipts already are: Entry fees,

\$344; gate fees, 2,714; licenses \$1,600; making in all \$4,658, which is largely more than the receipts last year at this time.

Hawley, Dodd & Co., have a fine display of their machinery, run by a steam engine on wheels that keeps things in lively motion.

Second Day.

Another bright day dawned auspiciously and not only served to encourage those who were in attendance already at the Fair but gave the needed assurance to thousands of others that they could leave their homes with safety from storm during the remainder of the week. The morning train from Portland brought five car loads of visitors who alighted at the Fair Grounds. About three car loads came from the south after dinner. All day, until late in the evening the dusty wagons, with freight of families, came from all directions and made their camps in the groves of young oaks east and west of the enclosed grounds.

THE OUTER CAMPS.

Quite a camp stretches on the East side where the young oak forest affords shade, and the sun grows so warm that shade is most grateful in the afternoon. In one place we had a vision of two snowy tents, of a gay and familiar party assembled around a table improvised for the occasion, well, though roughly made, and spread with a snowy cloth and all the accessories of home. Here was a delightful picture of comfort and pleasure but the generality took matters in a more primitive style by eating off the ground. Close by the gate are meat shops where the campers can lay in their supplies. The great encampment lies to the west and extends upon the enclosure to the railroad where the population was thicker to the acre than in the most populous city of Oregon.

INSIDE THE FAIR GROUNDS.

If life swarms without the enclosure it throngs within the grounds. Here all care is laid aside and the multitudes go after pleasure with the most utter abandon. The great San Francisco circus is of course the great attraction; Katie Holloway & Co. will probably reap a silver harvest, if wheat is only 62½ cts. a bushel. Condensing to smaller things the people are able to find the Leopard Boy, the Little Woman, and sundry apes and monkey waiting to be introduced; a Calico; a lion reposes in another tent, and a stuffed sea lion lies on top of his cage, the great attraction of the place being a poor sheep that stands on its fore feet with the body in the air, because the hind legs have no power of locomotion. Another tent contains Modoc museums, apes and monkeys, the wonderful little performing elephant and various things besides which are loudly vouched for by strong lungs on the outside. The Rosedale Theatrical Troupe have a house near the Pavilion, and E. D. Towl occupies the same premises where last year he showed Reed's Panorama. Booths and stalls are filled with restaurants and small traders of all sorts, but we are glad to notice that all low swindling contrivances are banished outside the walls. Pickpockets abound. We have heard that a fresh supply came by last steamer from California and their operations have certainly commenced as we hear of one unfortunate who has lost a purse of \$400, while another reports \$50 missing, and our usually sharp friend J. B. Dimmick says he went up for \$42.

MORE STOCK.

Henry Myers of Polk county, has brought a fine bull 23 months old named "Hanibal," purchased last year of Maze Bros., weight 1456 lbs. Gov. Whitaker shows a large fine bull purchased last year from the same parties. W. T. Newby has some pens of sheep, Spanish merinos, we failed to notice yesterday. There are new stalls putting up to accommodate other cattle expected. The display of Short Horns is fine, but scarcely as numerous as last year when the Stewart's of Yamhill, and Fiske and Walker of this place showed good herds. But the display is excellent nevertheless, and more arrivals to-morrow will swell the display of stock of all classes to still greater proportions.

THE PAVILION.

The clerks' desks were thronged all day with crowds making entries, and the result was a great improvement in the appearance of the premises. The rear Pavilion grew splendid with its magnificent array of flowers, ranging from the simple pot plant to the grand cactus, about seven feet high, brought over from Yamhill by J. J. Cary, who raised it to its present height. The flowering plants give a truly tropical appearance to that vicinity. But the hot house plants on one side look down on an array of fruit of most fasci-

ous proportions and splendid variety. We did intend to make note of them to-day, but have not room, and shall reserve further particulars for to-morrow's issue. On the other side of the floral pyramid are ranged the very finest display of vegetables that were ever collected in our State. To-morrow we shall give them more particular notice. In the middle Pavilion the display is good of various manufactured articles, sewing machines, musical instruments, safes and other such articles, but a small glass case exhibited by Mr. Stone, Jeweller at Portland, possess all the attractions incident to gleaming diamonds, rich ornaments and precious jewelry. The case is valued at \$15,000; one diamond figure at \$1,000, and a pair of jewels \$1,000. Machinery sets in motion three ornamental clocks, one where a bird sings charming melody and two others where birds flirt about in flowers or foliage or sip from fountains in true life style. To-morrow a talented lady friend will furnish us with a full description of the art and fancy work in the Pavilion.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

We found a great addition to the supply of agricultural machinery over that exhibited the first day. The new contributors are Messrs. T. Cunningham & Co., R. M. Wade & Co. Two grain cleaners of late invention in our own State deserve special mention and will receive it to-morrow. The display is quite full. The display of Oregon made hacks and buggies is also very excellent.

AT THE TRACK.

At the time announced, a large crowd moved over to the track to see the proposed trotting race, best 2 in 3, for Oregon colts 4 years old. Time came and passed, no race, a hitch somewhere in the programme. People who paid for seats in the Grand Stand, didn't exactly like it, but they couldn't help it.

However, after some scolding and management, two entries were effected and a slow trot was had. We append summary: J. F. Miller names g. g. Swackhammer, 1 1 C. M. Walker names b. m. Fleetward, 2 2 Time—2:50, 3:43.

Third Day.

THE SHOW OF VEGETABLES.

The exhibition of garden products are numerous and as we said yesterday the display is much finer than any that has preceded it. We have heard frequently of the monstrous growth of California vegetables, and in passing through the San Francisco market we have frequently wondered if our State could ever make such a show in its markets, and we are now satisfied that we can. Californians who are now present at our State Fair concede that our vegetable show equals any that they have at home.

The principal exhibitors, are J. W. Herford Sublimity, Mrs. M. Higley Salem, D. Dimmick and J. B. Dimick, Hubbard, W. H. Adair Salem, who shows a great number of articles. E. L. Delashmut Dallas, and E. D. Tooley and J. S. Hathaway of Vancouver who have many articles on exhibition, especially Wm. Tooley who is the largest exhibitor of all. The varieties on exhibition include all the common vegetables in great profusion; beets that are large enough to make a heavy hack load; Onions the size of saucers; cabbages like barrel heads, melons that are large and squashes that are monstrous; all other vegetables are well represented and potatoes are exhibited that have wonderful legends connected with them. L. — Judson produces very large and fine ones just below the woolen mills; J. B. Dimmick planted one pound of extra early Vermont potatoes and dug six bushels as the product; from one pound of Brownell's Beauties he dug five bushels and a half of roots.

The committee finished their work yesterday and we shall give the premiums to-morrow.

PRIZE CATTLE.

The committee on cattle finished their work yesterday only in part, with the following result.

SHORT HORNS.

S. G. Reed's Governor General, bull, 3 years and 6 months old, 1st premium; Lord of the Valley, 2 years old, 1st premium; Glossy 5th cow, 5 years old, 1st premium; Glossy 6th, heifer 1 year and 6 months, 1st premium; Sweet Alyssum, 1 year and 6 months, 2d premium; Reedville Gwynne, bull calf 9 months, 2d premium; Baron Woodbine 5 months calf 1st premium.

J. W. Nesmith took 2nd premium for Romeo, bull 4 years old. Bought by him in Kentucky. Wm. Dudley & Co., of Victoria, B. C.,

showed cow Ethelwyn, 2 years old and took the 1st premium; her bull calf, Vancouver, 1st 6 months old, took 2d premium. The herd is of most excellent quality and make sharp competition for the best premiums awarded Short Horns and proves a great attraction to stock men. We are glad to welcome the presence of our neighbors from the Dominion to our Oregon State Fair.

Henry Myers, of Polk county, shows Hanibal, a bull 1 year old, which takes 2d premium. It is one of the Saxe Bro.'s importation.

AYRSHIRES.

S. G. Reed shows a member of these beautiful animals and of course has no competitors. Smilax, a yearling bull; Earl of Lorn, 3 years old; the cow Mary Bell and calf Blooming Daisy, wear the royal blue.

DEVONS.

G. W. Dimmick, of Hubbard, shows his Devon bull Victor 3d; his cow Fannie and her calf heifer Addie and a lot of graded calves, all of which received the first premium.

To-day the Judges will award the sweepstakes which was not done for want of time yesterday.

SHEEP.

Mr. John Minto will furnish us to-morrow with full particulars of the premiums awarded sheep.

RECEIPTS.

We found it impossible to gather an exact statement of the receipts of the Society, but our figures show that up to last night the totals of all classes of receipts would aggregate ten thousand dollars, which would meet all the engagements of the Society and pay all premiums for the present year, so as to leave the incoming receipts for the next three days to apply on the debt of the Society which amounts to about eight thousand dollars. This result is most flattering and encouraging and is a rare bit of prosperity after years of ill success owing to bad weather.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION.

There was no contest over the election. The friends of C. P. Burkhardt some of them advocated his re-election, but that gentleman decidedly declined to have his name used in that connection the result was as follows: For President, M. Wilkins of Lane county; Vice Presidents, W. P. Watson of Wasco county and James Tatom of Polk county; For Secretary, E. M. Waite, Salem; For Treasurer, J. H. Moores, Salem; For Board of Managers, R. W. Morrison, Clatsop county; David Reinhart, Grant county; Wm. Elliott, Clackamas county; Thos. Edwards, Lane county; Jas. Hamilton, Linn county; J. G. Basket, Polk county; Jas. P. Bybee, Columbia county; John Downing, Marion county; D. C. Stewart, Yamhill county; S. G. Reed, Multnomah county; J. H. Douthitt, Wasco county; W. C. Myer, Jackson county; A. Luelling, Washington county; Jos. Kelsey, Benton county; Sam. Hanns, Union county; John Boston, Baker county; Aubrey White, Tillamook county; J. Frazer, Umatilla county; Thomas Smith, Douglas county.

THEVES AND PICKPOCKETS.

Quite a number of robberies occurred yesterday. Carr who has charge of the music stand of M. Gray, reports a gold medal and silver medal as stolen, awarded to the pianos and organs at great expositions elsewhere. Also a valuable piano cover. Ed. Fellows, of Oregon City, lost five \$20 dollars pieces, and a Spanish dollar; J. L. Ladd lost \$120. Pickpockets are doing a lively and successful business. Some arrests were made but the money was not found on them.

SEWING MACHINES.

Sewing machine agents are very busy. The Florence and Home machines are both well represented there. The Singer machine has a lady in a glass case—an elegant doll—that is "fearfully and wonderfully made" by their machine work.

The old stand-by, the Grover & Baker, of which John W. Gilbert is agent, is well sustained by the presence of three machines, one for leather work, one for tailoring, one for family work, which are ably presided over by Mrs. F. A. Smith and Miss Nellie Taylor. The work exhibited was done here—none of it elsewhere.

The Howe machine is on the ground and claiming a fair share of notice. Mr. Reid has one of the Americans there also, doing good work.

AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.

Hawley, Dodd & Co. have a portable engine running a barvester, mower, farm mill, buzz saw, fanning mill, cider press, etc., keeping up such a commotion as that firm like to make in business circles. They have Deere's Molins Gang Plow on the ground,

which they expect will be very popular, so they are pressing it on public notice. Dodd is himself on the ground making things lively in his usual style.

R. M. Wade & Co. have a general assortment of wagons, plows, cultivators, roapers, and mowers on exhibition, making a very good show.

Cunningham & Co. of Salem also have machinery of all kinds for farm use. Messrs Cunningham & Berry are present paying attention to all spectators. They have secured the sole agency for the Conqueror Harvester, a brand new machine, the first one ever brought here being on exhibition at the Fair. This machine is said to have remarkable capacity for doing work and doing it well and this enterprising house are expecting to have a great demand for them.

Two Oregon invented wheat cleaning machines attracted our attention, both being warranted to take out all chaff, cockles, wild oats, etc.

One is the invention of S. Daw, of Corvallis, who informs us that a machine, rough made, of that idea, has been at work on his farm for seven years. This was patented last November; he calls it "Daw's Granger," and he informed us last evening that he had received the blue ribbon from the Committee. Mr. Daw claims that two pounds of power will work it.

The other is the invention of Thomas J. Drury, of Wheatland, Yamhill county, and appeared to us to be an excellent machine. It was patented last February. Mr. John West is interested in the patent, and Mr. Drury will soon remove to Westport on the Columbia river to commence its manufacture on a large scale.

OREGON MADE WAGONS.

Wm. England is on hand with his excellent express wagons, and E. Smith of Portland shows some top and one open buggy. The workmanship in both cases is very superior and redounds to the credit of home manufactures.

SALEM MADE SACKS.

L. Cheesborough & Co., have in the Pavilion several bales of Salem made sacks, also bags filled with wheat and oats to let the public see that they hold good measure. This excellent firm is very reliable and does good work. They have built up a business that is creditable to themselves and to the town.

AT THE TRACK.

The running race was a success and well managed. At the time fixed it was estimated that there five thousand people on the track to witness the contest. There were three entries and it is a singular fact that the three horses entered were all grandsons of the famous Lexington.

A number of pools were sold Bultralph being the favorite.

At two o'clock the horses were called up and after two ineffectual starts got away in good shape except Norway who was held too long.

Bill Bigham lead nearly the entire heat but was passed on the home stretch by one of the marshals on horseback getting in the way, Bultralph winning the heat by a few feet.

The start on the second heat was splendid and during the first mile a blanket could have covered the three horses. On the last mile Bill Bigham lead till the home stretch was turned when Bultralph took the lead and kept it.

We append summary.

G. J. Basket names b. g. Bultralph, 1 1
D. Young names g. Bill Bigham, 2 2
W. H. Musgrove names b. g. Norway, 3 3
Time 3:57, 3:55.

THE BABY SHOW.

The marked event of yesterday "childrens day" at the Fair Grounds was the competition for the two prizes offered by Mr. F. A. Smith for the two handsomest babies on the grounds.

The Judges selected by the Secretary of the Society, Mr. E. M. Waite and the local of the DAILY RECORD were Messrs. A. T. Yeaton, J. D. Lacey and E. T. Perkins, and right well did they perform their difficult task.

The number of babies that presented themselves were eighteen and as they were held in their mother's arms, with their best points in view all fixed up as only a fond mother can rig up her precious, they were as pretty a sight as one could wish to see.

It took the Committee a long time to come to a conclusion, but they succeeded in doing so.

The first prize, a life-size portrait, was awarded to James Fisher, aged nine months, son of Mrs. and Mr. J. W. Fisher, of Salem. The second prize, a dozen card portraits of the little fellow, was given to Lothair Crooke, aged five months, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Crooke, of Salem.