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## THE STATE FAIR.

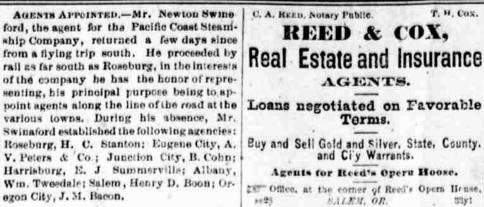
## TRIED DAY.

In summing up the prospects of the Oregon State Fair to-day, must recognize that nothing now can make it the success that the people desired and the Agricultural Society deserved. The weather Monday and Tuesday justified the hope that we might have sunshine through the week. The roads were drying up well and the camp ground was not too damp for camping purposes. All day Tuesday the noise and bustle increased, campers began to make the grounds outside the fence look populous and the Pavilion became lively and animated, the display being satisfactory and most creditable and the throng of ladies increasing so that bright faces and gay colors lit up the place and gave good encouragement that with another pleasant day the scene would rival former fairs.

The running race of the afternoop called out thousands of persons, many ladies included, and showed how difficult it is to estimate the number in attendance. It was a good race, even if Ryestraw did get beat, and the crowd and the animation were prophetic of a good t me coming, but lo! just as we looked for sunshine we have storm. This morning the clouds are pouring a steady rain. The roads will hapse again into mud and chuck holes and the State Fair, v hatever its merits may be, and however great the display, cannot be otherwise than an ill success.

ore cannot realize at a distance how such an occasion when bad weather dispells all hopes of success. There are a thousand interests involved besides the main one of the success of the Agricultural society, which must impress every public spirited person. Many have purchased booths; many have come far to cater to public amusement; many have come to be amused as well as to be interested in the actual display. more or less uncomfortable, there are other thousands of our citizens who were intending to be present who have to resign that intention and suffer great disappointment.

We close the record for the Fair the



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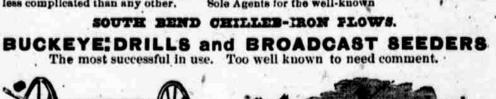
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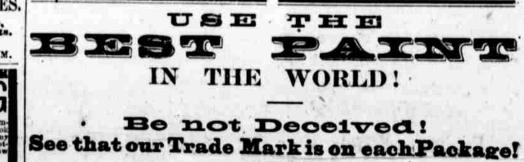
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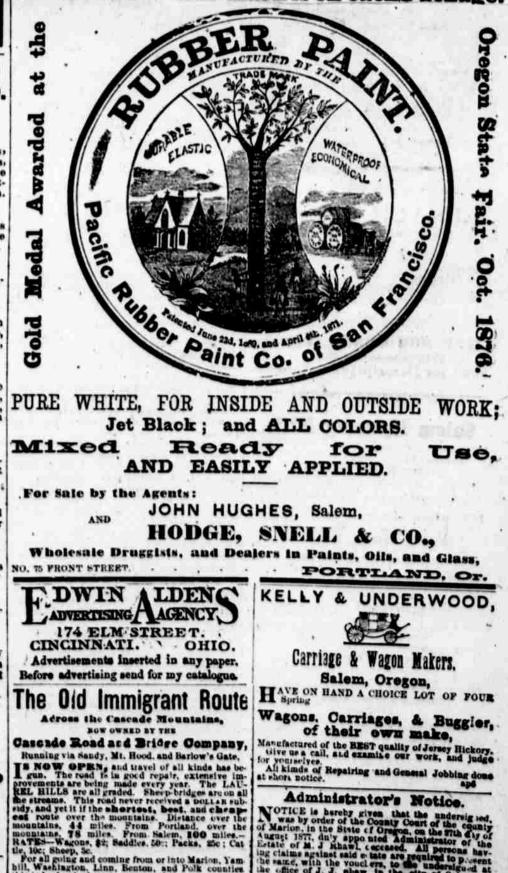
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present issue, on Wednesday, and in the hurry and confusion of the time it is not possible to give anything like a minute sketch of the exhibit. It is true that the Fair is discouraged by the bad weather but it is also true that the Fair is a success as to the extent and variety of the exhibit made.

The Pavilion is well filled with valuable material. The show of fruits is excellent; the varieties and size and character of the fruits shown are all that could be desired, the principal exhibitors being Joseph Hamilton, S. Luelling & Son, and J. H. Lambert. Other exhibitors deserve credit and will be mentioned next week.

The display of vegetables is also superior, splendid in fact, and we see superior specimens of the sweet potato, as large and fine as those shown in our markets from California, giving proof that we can raise them in the Willamette valley. Mr. C. P. Burkhart and S. R. Scott each have fine specimens. Father Dielman, of the Salem Catholic Church, shows a great pumpkin, the seed planted being from the premium one shown at Philadelphia last year. The floral display is very line and at-

tractive, quite as good and perhaps superior to former years,

The art work is very fine, more perfeet than usual as works of art. The display is most creditable and the front Pavilion presents a very attractive appearance.

The stock yards are well filled and all that is needed is good weather to make the Fair ground teem with life and activity and realize all that has been expected.

The exhibit is prob bly the best ever made in Oregon.

Jackson county has refused to accept the proposition of the authorities of Josephine to receive \$1,000 in full payment of all demands against that county on account of the Briggs' trials. By agreement between Judge Day and Clerk Hughes, the matter goes before Judge Prim for decision, each party having the right of appeal.

A blacksmith named Wright, of Walla Walla, was kicked in the face by a horse a few days ago and almost killed.

J. W. GILBERT.; Salem, Oct. 12, 1977. u.

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