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THE STATE FAIR.

The discouragements under which the State Agricultural Society operate seem to be perpetual, as the Board of Managers try in vain to fix upon a season for holding the annual fair that will insure pleasant weather. Formerly it was a rare event that rain came to interfere with the pleasure and success of this important occasion, but now it seems that rain and storm form the rule and pleasant weather an exception.

The truth is that the Fair should, if possible, be held the middle of September, but then the harvest operations are never done and it is practically impossible to get farmer's families assembled in great force before October, and if pleasant weather could be insured after the middle of that month, when the wheat has been hauled to warehouses, it would be all the better.

The present year there are more attractions in the arrangements of the grounds than ever before. The erection of the new pavilion, built by the citizens of Marion county, adds all that is necessary in that line, and when it is opened and painted on the inside, it will be all that can be desired.

The new building to the west of the old pavilion is occupied by the Secretary and his efficient corps of clerks, consisting of both ladies and gentlemen. E. M. Waite, Esq., the efficient Secretary, has the following corps of assistants: J. T. Gregg, X. N. Steves, Ed. Frazer, Geo. Peebles, J. Cox, T. A. Bacon, J. A. Sellwood, A. L. Buckingham, T. B. Cornell, John Cole, Misses Florence Warner, Florence Adair, Ada May, Marie D'Arcy and, Alice Springer.

A GOOD OUTLOOK.

The farmers of this valley have a good outlook for the fall season, as the abundant rains permit them to put their plows to work thus early and the indications are that they can plow more land this fall than was ever plowed before in autumn. The late experience with spring crops will induce all who can do so to get their wheat in before January, though it is likely that another year the spring crops may prove a success.

We are favored with a good price for wheat; surplus wheat we have, and with a good price and a good fall for planting, we shall realize moderate prosperity. What we require is strict economy and earnest work to bring this country out of its embarrassments.

Sale of Foster.

Capt. T. G. Moore, of Crab Orchard, Kentucky, has sold to Messrs. Brien & Spencer, of Texas, the thoroughbred horse Foster, chestnut, foaled in 1867, by Lexington dam, Britania, by Muley. He will be permanently located in Texas, where he will be able to accomplish much in the way of improving horse stock in that State.

VINDICATION.

A serious charge having been made against the Secretary of the State Agricultural Society, and the Board of Managers, in the columns of the Advocate, a committee was appointed by the board to examine, and below is their report: We, the committee appointed to investigate certain matters, would respectfully submit:

WHEREAS, An article in the Pacific Christian Advocate of Sept. 25th, called "Oregon State Fair," does great injustice to the managers, and particularly to the secretary of the society, by stating, on rumor, that it is a rendezvous for gamblers, whisky sellers and prostitutes; that the Sabbath is desecrated; that the secretary is in full accord with these things, and that through bribes and sympathy with these people large sums are annually squandered; that horse racing, all forms of gambling, whisky selling and prostitution are encouraged by this man (the secretary) and his companions, and that on these accounts the fair is no longer encouraged by many of the best citizens of the State, and that it will soon be given up to the worst elements on this coast; and

WHEREAS, None of these grave and highly damaging charges in said article have a shadow of truth, therefore, we, the Board of Managers, deem it proper to make a statement through a committee of three, appointed by a former and full meeting of the board, to the patrons of the Fair, showing the management of the same by the secretary and his companions, which includes the worthy President and the Board of Managers, honorable men, elected from every county of the State.

We hold and emphatically assert that for men who have been at the head of the affair as officers and managers, ticket vendors and gate keepers, superintendents, marshals and committees, have been selected from an honest and honorable community as could be found in any part of the United States, and that for business tact they have shown a fair ability, in that they have brought up the Fair from a small beginning to its present magnitude, where some twenty thousand dollars are handled in a short time of two weeks, the expenditures of which are accounted for item by item in the annual report of the secretary, to which we invite the editor for reference, before launching out such slanderous statements upon rumor, and we invite all the patrons of the Fair to scrutinize the table of receipts and expenditures.

Furthermore, we would state that a finance committee of three is appointed by the president annually to investigate the secretary's report. The committee two years ago was composed of H. Hanson of Multnomah, A. H. Luelling and Dr. Davenport; last year of Henry Miller of Portland, Seth Luelling of Clackamas, and A. J. Dufur of Wasco; and would the editor say that these men are in accord with the secretary in taking bribes, encouraging gambling, protecting prostitution and squander large sums of money, or to connive to desecrate the Sabbath? Some of these men are members in good standing in churches, and all are men of integrity and worth. These committees found the accounts correct.

Furthermore, we would state that the secretary was indefatigable in accomplishing the erection of our beautiful new pavilion, an ornament to any fair, costing over \$3,000, all of which was contributed by citizens of Salem and vicinity, mainly through the exertions of our honorable secretary.

That some mistakes have been made; that some "low fellows of the baser sort" carry on their nefarious occupations, we must with sorrow admit; but where is the blessed spot upon this green earth that this is not done? and where is the business firm that makes no mistakes in its ventures?

That Providence did not smile upon us for the last two years in giving us fair weather is the cause of the falling off of our receipts. Could the secretary and his associates help that? If we have propitious sunshine next week, we can square accounts of floating debt. The society is not bankrupt, nor will men, who have in the infancy of the society put their shoulders to the wheel by borrowing money on their own individual notes, or those who are carrying the debt now on their individual responsibility, see the society die.

Also, in allowing desecration of the Sabbath, the society has encouraged the Y. M. C. Association in its good work as far as asked for. After these statements can the Advocate do less than give this paper an insertion in its columns, so as at least to make some amends for the injury done through said article to the honor and good name of the managers and to the finances, by its publication just before the opening of the Fair. Fair criticism upon facts we invite from

press and patrons, but not upon rumors, and we invite all to come and see for themselves, and we particularly invite the editor of the P. C. Advocate to come and see for himself, that in all Christian charity he may judge of those things whether they are so or not.

HENRY MILLER, G. W. HUNT, R. C. GEER, Committee.

TRIALS OF SPEED AT THE STATE FAIR.

The Board of Directors this year made an excellent selection for the judges at the race track, which insures that there will be no paltrying with jockies, and that prompt and decisive action will be taken at all times. The judges are J. C. Tolman of Jackson county, now Surveyor General, Geo. Thomas of Walla Walla, formerly resident at Salem, Superintendent of the Overland Stage Company, and Wm. Bigham of Wasco.

First day, Wednesday, October 1st, there were no races.

Second day—Thursday, October 2d, first race of the season, was a three-quarter mile dash for a premium of \$150. Entries—Jungo, bl. g., four years old, by M. L. Keizer; Popeye, ch. s., four years old, by F. M. Colthorpe; Sixty-six, r. g., seven years old, by R. Kennedy; Mayflower, b. m., three years old, by M. O. Lowndale; Olo, s. g., five years old, by Joe Taylor; Sank Owens, b. g., six years old, by W. J. Tennant. Sixty-seven, entered by —, and Mattie Glide, a sorrel mare, entered by J. G. Baskett.

The contest was between Mayflower, Sank Owens and Olo, and won by two lengths by Mayflower, Sank Owens second. In the trot, mile heats, three in five, for a premium of \$250 for double teams. The entries were Reed's Parrot and Pedro, driven by L. B. Lindsey; Kennedy's Bellfounder and Katie Lynch, driven by James Welch, and Misner's Nellie Patchen and Lady Faustina, driven by Misner.

Four heats were run, and considerable "breaking" on the part of all three teams. The race was won by Parrot and Pedro, who made the last heat in 2:40. Patchen and Faustina were the favorites of the pools up to the end of the second heat. Third day—Friday, October 3. There was a fine race, beat three in five, for a purse of \$300; \$100 to the second horse; entries as follows: Three C's, br. g., five years old, entered by Allen; Winters, ch. h., three years old, by B. Hodges, George A. br. m., four years, by J. A. Porter, and Halide, br. m., four years, by Miller and Bybee. George A. was the favorite in the pools and won the first heat in 1:52, Three C's, second. George A. also won the second heat by half a neck; Winters second. The third heat was won by Winters—time, 1:50. Winters won the fourth heat in 1:51, and the fifth easily in 1:51.

The trotting race was also very exciting, beat three in five. The first heat was won by Parrot in 2:31; the second by Patchen in 2:35; the third by Parrot in 2:34; the fourth by Faustina in 2:32, and owing to the lateness of the hour the race was here postponed until Saturday morning.

Saturday, October 4—The three in five trot left unfinished yesterday was ended by a fifth heat this morning, won by Parrot, who by it won the race. At 1:50 was called a single dash of a mile, free for all. Entries: Guss Dudley, recently from Kentucky, brought by Jerome Porter, and Flora A, thoroughbred filly. There was a severe wind storm, but Dudley won the race in 1:50.

A trot, three in five, mile heats, followed. Entries: Hegels' Western Chief, Waich's Glassford, and Beig's horse Glassford was the favorite and won the race in 2:45, which was for horses that had never beaten 3:10. The other horses were distant.

Passed Away.

Lines written on the death of Frederick R. Rasmussen, who died August 26, 1879, aged nine months.

One eye an angel came And took your loved away, And bore him to the realms above And never ending day. Our Savior missed a gem From out his glorious crown, And called your little Freddie there, And filled his diadem. Oh! do not mourn for him, He's only gone before, Where with the angel band, He'll meet you on that shore Where pain and sickness do not come, Nor sorrow, grief and death, But there your tears he'll wipe away, In that celestial home. Echo Hill, Mt. Tabor. L. H. C. We shall be much obliged to all friends who can find it convenient to remit subscription dues at an early date, as we have experienced a dry business for several months past. Harvest is over and if you have money don't forget the WILLAMETTE FARMER.

SUNDAY ON THE FAIR GROUND.

The cloudy skies and occasional drifts of rain could not entirely repress the spirit of the campers. Soon in the morning we were awakened by the cheery sounds of early morning life—first "a cock with his shrill clarion" told of daybreak in the east. He may have been one of the prize chickens, or he may have been a common one whose days were numbered and already doomed; at any rate his crow was pleasant to hear in the rainy morning. Then the children, who are always on hand in the morning, were heard laughing and shouting, happy in their irresponsible lives, and enjoying the rough, half-way style of camp life.

The appetizing smell of coffee tells of breakfast that is so well relished, cooked and eaten picnic fashion, often got up under difficult circumstances. The discomforts of this rainy weather are discounted somewhat by the comfortable board houses and tents. Some of the houses really have a homelike look, having small cook stoves and carpets on the floor, with bedsteads, rough tables and chairs. Major Bruce and Gov. Thayer's families occupy one together, which is hospitable in the way of having eight comfortable looking beds, and the well spread table that we caught a glimpse of, with its snowy cloth, told its own tale of thrifty house-keeping.

President Wilkins and family are camping too, also Mr. Wm. Barlow, Mr. Holt and family, Joseph Hamilton of Lima, Henry Miller of Portland, with others too numerous to mention. The camping ground is laid out with regular streets and small lots 18x30 feet, any member of the society having the privilege of choosing a site and building thereon, holding possession by the courtesy of the society. Gradually the plot is assuming regular proportions. Now there seems to be a general disposition to put up houses of a better class, many of the old ones now being past use. There has been no one to take care of these cabins, and the inbred vandalism natural to many men as well as boys has shown itself in the breaking open of the houses, carrying off and otherwise destroying the houses and contents, thus allowing cattle and hogs free ingress, locks and padlocks have been no hindrance, so that it has been rather discouraging to attempt to put up a real good habitation.

Father Newsome has taken a great deal of interest in putting these grounds in better shape, and has done a good thing in this direction. The Sabbath, in spite of the insinuations of a certain paper, in regard to the moral influence of the Board of Managers, was quiet. Religious exercises were held in the large building which has been fitted up by the Young Men's Christian Association of Portland. Rev. Mr. Atkinson preached there in the morning, and Rev. Mr. Chattin, Chaplain Stubbs and Col. Wilkinson conducted the evening meeting, both of which were largely attended, and are having a good influence. Three years ago Mr. Chattin had a little tent for devotional exercises; this year the morning, noon and evening prayer meetings are a settled institution on the grounds.

The spacious pavilion which now adorns the grounds was given to the society by citizens of Marion county, and we now wonder how we ever got along with the old one, which we outgrew long ago. The pavilion is admirably arranged in sections and divisions for the different classes. The higher rate of entry fees has kept many articles from exhibition—the fees are now twenty per cent.—yet notwithstanding this there is a nice showing in every department, though not as large as in previous years. The result work is yearly improving in standard worth and excellence, these yearly exhibitions creating a rivalry that has left its impress in the greater excellence of exhibits.

The large fountain in the centre of the pavilion has a large tank to receive the water that returns from the upward flow, and which we would suggest should contain gold fish and aquatic plants; the spray reaches the hanging basket over the fountain, while several other baskets droop their graceful foliage over the water.

The display of flowers is good, yet we notice a lack of rare or tropical plants. An enterprising gentleman, Mr. M. L. Robbins, shows two boxes of earth from the Palouse country, and from the Spokan "Blaine." This is the soil that grows the famous bunch grass, and does look as if it would not need guano or bone-dust to add to its fertility. Mr. J. L. Parrish shows a lot of tea plants from seed sent from the agricultural department, and sowed by him in April. He has 150 plants about six inches in height, and he seems to be quite firm in his belief that America can raise her own tea, as a Chinaman assures him that in three years from seed he can begin to pick and cure; also, that the preparation necessary is not difficult or

expensive. We hope that they will turn out better than the "Japan teas" that he was so sanguine about a few years ago.

VEGETABLES. Judge Wait shows 14 varieties of potatoes, viz: Burbank's seedling, which he rather thinks the best of all; extra early Vemah, Ruby, Snowflake, Eureka, Brownell's Beauty, Iowa Beauty, Granger, Beauty of Hebut, Bliss' Surprise, Early Ohio, Early Chilo, Russet Canby, Advance and Dunnimore. The variety called "Canby" is a new kind with distinct characteristics, though somewhat resembling the Early Rose, it is very prolific. Judge Wait has got these varieties by sending East at considerable expense, and is testing their adaptation to our soils. The sight would gladden the heart of an Irishman to see the perfection of these beautiful tubers, commonly called potatoes. He shows a Northern Chinese yam, long like a parsnip, taking two years to perfect; is then dug and used at any time of the year.

LETTER FROM UNION COUNTY.

Editor Willamette Farmer: The last day of the Union County Agricultural Fair has just come to an end, and now the society is busily engaged in paying off its premiums. The attendance was not as good as was expected, but the management were bound to make it a success as far as possible. The various displays were only passable, and the only worthy displays seemed to be in the stock department, and notably among the horses.

The pavilion had a number of products of the soil and domestic manufacture. The cattle display, as far as it went, was excellent, and all praises in this department are due to Messrs. Goodall and Ames, who made the exhibits.

TROTTING AND RUNNING HORSES. Mr. West Walters has an eight-year-old dark bay trotting horse, called Bashaw. This was the winning horse all through the meeting of the society, and won two races, and in the last "shut out" all his competitors in the first heat in 2:49. Mr. Sterling's stable comprised Anvil, a black stallion, 10 1/2 hands high, sired by Ericsson, and a descendant of Messenger. Anvil is a noble horse, and although beaten in the trot here, has a high standing as a breeder, so much so that Mr. Sterling paid \$500 for one of his colts.

Mac Reese's stables contained Firefly, a sorrel, six years old; Billy Bowlegs, a sorrel, six years old, and Sir Charles, sired by old Pathfinder, nine years old, dark brown.

Casbere Brox had Monitor, a black, four years old, and winner of first money in the saddle purse; Brick Pomeroy, a dark bay, four years old, sired by Rifleman. Mr. A. La Buff's Queen is claimed to be the best three-year-old thoroughbred in Oregon; she is black, star in face, has two white legs, and sired by Oscola. At the Baker City Fair Queen ran a mile in 1:45, badly beating Sleepy Dave. Mr. La Buff has received a challenge to match his horse against Red Boy, a Boise horse, for \$2,000 a side. He will probably accept, and the race will be run on the Union track. Both are No. 1 horses.

D. A. McAllister showed Smoke and Crest, two brood mares, imported this spring from Kentucky, six years old, the first by Selim, second by Black Chief. Lenont, a chestnut, two years old, stallion, sire, Almont, first dam by Swaggart's Lexington. Dead Shot, brown, two years old, sire Alcide, by Membrino Chief, dam by Vindex. Cadell, bay filly, two years old, by Administrator, by Handbasket, dam by Marshal Ney. Vindex, two years old, by Post, Hambletonian, dam by David's Mendocino. Token, bay filly, two years old, by Shelly Chief, dam by Cadell.

Mr. Clay, Jr., Jounis Fennell, a pure bred mare, chestnut sorrel, fourteen years old, by Chance, Jr., dam by Wagner, imported last spring. All the above are from Kentucky. A fine lot.

CATTLE. O. P. Goodall, Sam. J. Tilden, first premium for bull of any age. Red Duches, first premium for best cow of any age. Little Doll, two-year-old heifer, first premium for best two-year-old. Young Duches, second premium for best two-year-old. Rosy, first premium for best yearling heifer. Duches No. 3, first premium for best yearling calf. Hancock, first premium for best yearling bull. Rover, second best, owned by Geo. Ames, of Union. Red Man, best bull calf. Nox Perce Joseph took the second in same class. All the above are in the American Herd Book.

I. G. Davidson, successor to Davidsox Brothers, Portland, is probably doing a more successful photographic business than any other artist in the State. He only charges \$2.50 for a dozen cards and \$5 for cabinets. He does not try to mislead his customers by promising \$6 worth of pictures for \$5, but simply does a square business.