

FIRST INDUSTRIAL FAIR IS MARKED SUCCESS

Gala Day is Remarkable for Splendid Exhibits, Good Program and Large Attendance

Salmon Bake is Enjoyed by Host of Banqueters

More than 2500 guests assembled in this city on Saturday last, to participate in the first annual mid-valley Industrial Fair. Medford, just recovering from its famous pear show, sent a large delegation; Ashland, Grants Pass, and other valley cities and towns were equally well represented in the holiday throng; while from the ranches and gardens of the entire valley poured in a host of exhibitors with prize produce for display in agricultural hall. Gold Hill entertained perhaps the largest crowd of visitors in the history of the city, and the dull moments of the program were conspicuous by their absence.

The exposition of fruits, grains, grasses, and garden produce, was extremely large and well displayed, and might well have graced any of the larger fairs of the state. Premier exhibits in the various classes, however, were selected and will appear with the Jackson county exhibit at the state fair in Salem. While the fruit exhibits were well above the standard, the produce of Rogue river valley fields and gardens was literally a revelation to those who have been accustomed to consider the county largely from the horticultural viewpoint. Fourteen-foot corn, with glistening yellow ears a foot and more in length; pumpkins that eclipsed the century mark in weight, 50 pound Hubbard squashes, tall and splendidly straight broom corn, giant potatoes, and a prodigious wealth of garden truck made an instructive and handsome display.

The Industrial Fair was held in cooperation with the local school fair, a series of the latter now being in progress throughout the state under the supervision of the school authorities. State field worker, N. C. Maris, of Eugene, representing this movement, was present and in a warming address heartily congratulated the spirit that had responded so willingly to the success of the event.

"You have," Mr. Maris asserted, "set a high standard for the agricultural fairs of the smaller cities. In no city of this state, or elsewhere, has it been my privilege to witness a finer display of produce or community feeling. I am certain that the impetus given by this occasion will result in incalculable benefit to this district and the valley generally."

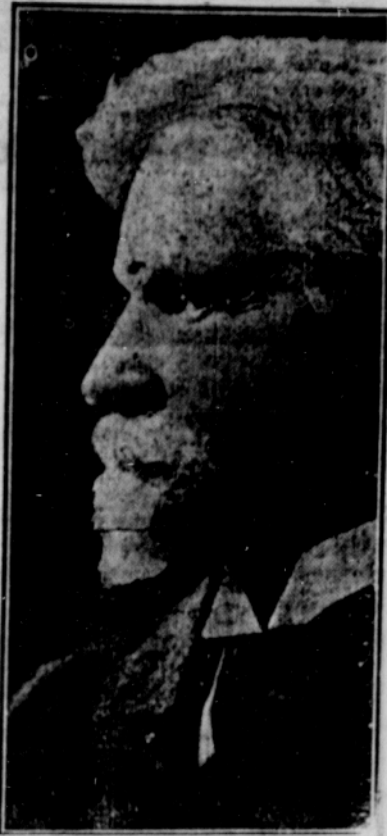
A program of athletic and field sports was arranged and carried out. Contesting teams of high school boys and high school misses played a snappy ball game. Potato polo on spirited ponies was a novel and exciting feature. Various races and contests brought salvos of applause from the adherents of the competing athletes. Diving and swimming contests in Rogue river were exceedingly popular with the big crowd.

The Better Babies show was a distinct success—one had almost said howling success—were it not for the generally pleasing behavior of the youngsters examined. Twenty-seven children, from four months to four years in age, were entered, although awards were given only in the one to two year, and two to three year classes. In the former, first prize was awarded to Mildred Wyatt, aged 16 months; second prize to Loren Fleming, aged 23 months; and third prize to Lawrence P. Brown, aged 22 months. In the two to three year class, Jesse Newton Starns, aged 32 months, was first; Herbert Fitzgerald, aged 26 months, second; and Merith Lyle Hittle, aged 36 months, third.

But not least of the day's events was the salmon bake, prepared by M. S. Johnson, a local business man who can upon occasion don the white cap of the chef with remarkable success. The salmon supper was served at open air tables to more than 700 in 1275 guests, and no charge was made for the banquet, which will take its place in gastronomic history as the greatest hit of the Gold Hill fair. 300 pounds of silver salmon, with bushels of salad and mountains of bread, vanished before the last visitor deserted the tables for other diversion.

As the evening wore on the carnival spirit reigned. Confetti cascaded down

WASHINGTON GARDNER



Washington Gardner, of Michigan, who was elected commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., at the Chattanooga encampment.

the necks of the unwary, and miles of streaming paper ribbons tangled the merry-makers into a gleeful unit. A score of Indian braves, replicas of the vanished tribe of the Rogue Rivers, lifted the war cry and danced about their council fires. They were boys of twelve years, and their weapons were of wood, but the gathering cheered them to the echo and caught a fleeting glimpse of history that is not so ancient. Calithumpian comedians, vaudeville entertainers and musical selections provided an open-air concert that claimed attention until the younger set invaded the ballroom and the dance was on that should last to midnight.

The Gold Hill mid-valley Industrial Fair will be made an annual feature of Jackson county. So liberal was the encouragement extended to the first effort that a permanent organization will be effected, and preparations immediately commenced to make the second event eclipse the high record of the first. The watch-word of the new fair association will be, "Better Produce and Progress."

Sardine Creek and Galls Creek Rights Adjudicated

A three day case for the adjudication of water rights on Sardine creek, a small tributary of Rogue river west of this city, was completed Thursday before James Chinnoek, of Salem, water supervisor for division number 1. Decision will be made by the state board of water control within a few weeks time.

The case hinged upon the claim of J. U. Smith, a Sardine Creek rancher, to priority in water rights from that stream. Numerous ranchers of the district were defendants in the action. Smith claimed a water right by his predecessors on the creek, dating back to 1857. The case is in every way an important one, as the country dependant for irrigation from the source in question is one of the most fertile locations in the valley.

A similar case on Galls creek, also a small tributary of the river, extensively utilized for irrigation and placer mining, was satisfactorily arranged by mutual agreement among the claimants, the right to water being apportioned among the users on an equitable basis.

WANTED:—To buy, or trade for, a moderate priced violin. Must be in good condition. —JOHN R. KEISEY, Gold Hill, Ore.

Indians Put on Show.
Falls City.—John Williams and his band of Siletz Indians gave a real Indian show in Wagner hall to a large audience. The performance consisted of a number of characteristic Indian dances, songs, and other stunts in portrayal of the Indian in his native state.

Bears Bother Bay City.
Bay City.—Five bears in eight days is the record capture made by Sal Shiffman on his place, less than one-quarter mile from the center of this town. Traps set in an orchard a short distance from the house were the cause for bruin's undoing.

\$2.00 Award Offered for Design

For a suitable envelope corner design, advertising Gold Hill, this paper is authorized to offer a \$2.00 cash prize. Design or wording should be brief, simple and pointed. Award will be made for the excellence of the idea alone. Contest closes Oct. 10. Address, THE NEWS, Gold Hill, Or.

NORT EDDINGS, STAGE DRIVER, NAILS ABSURD ROMANCE OF EARLIER DAYS

In the columns of an eastern publication of current circulation among Sunday schools, appears a tale of early Oregon days, entitled, "a true story of the west." With the veracity of the events therein set forth the residents of this section, who bore an active part in the history making of early days, find ample cause for dissatisfaction.

In 1879, during the month of September, President Hayes and the first lady of the land, then upon a tour of the Pacific coast states, paid their respects to the bustling young commonwealth of Oregon. From Redding to Roseburg they travelled by stage, the only convenience obtainable, and each city and hamlet by the old trail turned out its populace to welcome the chief executive. Jacksonville was gay with flags and bunting on the morning of the President's arrival, and southern Oregon was assembled to do him honor. This much is history, but the manner in which the story of that trip is told by the eastern paper does not correspond with the recollections of men who greeted the executive stage during its progress through the district nor does it tally with the natural character of the country.

According to the eastern romancer, Ted Buckley, the fourteen-year-old son of driver Buckley, then lying ill at Jacksonville, drove the famous six-horse stage from that city with its presidential passenger. At Table Rock—a properly picturesque site for old romance—young Buckley is said to have disembarked the distinguished party, driving bravely into the racing waters of the Rogue, to test the safety of the ford. He then returned for President Hayes and his party, whom he gallantly conveyed to the opposite shore. The President was deeply touched by the lad's simple devotion. So much for romance.

No ford exists at Table Rock. No necessity existed on the stage road for crossing the river at that point. The current flows deep and grim today—holding the selfsame course that antedated the earliest pioneer; perhaps, the first Indian as well. At no time in history has it been forded by a wheeled vehicle, much less so by a heavily laden stage coach. Furthermore, though the romance is a delightful one, in the memory of men who were actively associated with the stage service and the early days of the district, Ted Buckley and his invalid parent, as stage drivers at least, are purely fictitious characters.

Nort Eddings, of this city, who in those days was driver from Rock Point to Cole's Station, just over the California boundary, greeted the President as the executive coach swung up before the former station that September afternoon, thirty-odd years ago. William Carl, division agent of the California & Oregon stage company, handled the ribbons with consummate skill in honor of the noted passenger.

When questioned as to the truth of the Buckley tale, the old driver spat contemptuously and observed: "The whole story is absurd. There never was a driver on the old stage route known as Buckley. Dozens of we old fellows know better. There is Louis Tucker, of Ashland, James Wright, of Roseburg, Joe Clough, of Canyonville, or George Chase, of Klamath—all of them men who handled the reins or worked for the company in those days. Any one of them will tell you that Buckley never existed, that there never was a ford at Table Rock. The whole story is a—what d'you call it?—pipe dream!"

WASHINGTON PREDICTS DELAY OF CURRENCY BILL

D. CADY HERRICK



D. Cady Herrick, who is chief counsel for Governor Sulzer of New York in the impeachment proceedings.

Desire to Talk Will Prolong Passage of Measure

Washington.—There is no reason to doubt that congress will pass a currency bill, in a form acceptable to President Wilson, but there will be a great deal of surprise if the currency bill passes as soon as the president wishes; that is, at the present special session. The president unquestionably has the democratic majority in both senate and house working in complete harmony with his legislative plans, and from that majority he can get exactly what he wants in the way of legislation. The majority, however, cannot fix the time for voting in the senate, and for that reason the president is likely to be disappointed over the delay in completing the Glass-Owen bill.

Under the rules of the senate, debate in that body cannot be limited, even by the party in power, and a vote cannot be forced except by unanimous consent.

From present indications a great many democrats, as well as most republicans in the senate, will desire to speak on the currency bill. With the general desire to talk it will be difficult to get a vote on the currency bill, within two months, and there will not be two months remaining after the currency bill is reported to the senate.

Tariff Bill May Bring Trade War.
Apprehension lest the Democratic tariff bill lead foreign nations to impose tariff penalties against the United States as soon as the new law goes into effect caused administration and senate leaders to plan the introduction of a joint resolution in congress making specific provision for the continuation of existing relations with all countries until President Wilson has time to negotiate new trade agreements.

The seriousness of the situation was impressed on Chairman Simmons, of the senate finance committee, by state department officials. It was pointed out that the trade relations established by President Taft's proclamations under the Payne-Aldrich law of 1909 would terminate as soon as the new law becomes effective, and that the United States then would face the possibility of having higher tariff rates applied against its exports by many countries.

Alcohol Duty Favored.
The tariff conferees have agreed to Senator Lane's proposal to make more liberal the regulations concerning the manufacture of denatured alcohol, with a view to facilitate its manufacture by farmers from their waste products.

It is also possible that a small duty, for which Senator Lane has contended, may also be assessed. If this is done, Senator Lane believes importations will provide a material amount of revenue and considerably aid farmers and other domestic manufacturers of the product.

Slavery Common in Philippines.
Secretary Garrison had before him a Philippine slavery report by W. H. Phipps, auditor for the islands, backing up the startling charges of Dean Worcester. It cites details of many cases of boys and girls sold into slavery at prices ranging from \$60 to \$100 and says that heads of savage families sell their daughters and regard the practice as right. "I have no hesitancy in saying that I think the charges of Secretary Worcester that slavery exists in the Philippines are sustained," says Mr. Phipps.

National Capital Brevities.
Navies of the world will be invited to join in a great demonstration at Hampton Roads to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal. Coinage changes in the new nickel have led many people to believe that the coins are counterfeit. The United States treasury department gives assurance that the new nickel is genuine.

Steak May Be \$1 a Pound.
Chicago.—Unless there is an increase in the meat production in the United States in the next ten years, porterhouse steak will be selling at more than a dollar a pound, according to Gustav Blashoff of St. Louis, president of the American Meat Packers' association, which began its annual meeting here Monday.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat, New Crop—Club, 80c; bluestem, 88c; red Russian, 79c.
Hay—Timothy, \$16; alfalfa, \$13.
Butter—Creamery, 34c.
Eggs—Candled, 34c; ranch, 27c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c; Willamette valley, 19c.

Seattle.
Wheat, New Crop—Bluestem, 88c; club, 80c; red Russian, 79c.
Hay—Timothy, \$17 per ton; alfalfa, \$13 per ton.
Eggs—34c.
Butter—Creamery, 33c.

Smooth Bunco Man Varies Old Game Successfully

The Dalles.—One of the smoothest bunco men who ever operated here left this city with \$60, which he is alleged to have fraudulently secured from prominent local business men by means of worthless checks. He also left 20 of the finest horses that could be found in this and Klickitat county, Washington, at a feed yard. He ordered the horses delivered to him at the feed yard, and some of the ranchers went to the trouble and expense of driving 16 miles, that they might deliver the animals and consummate the expected sales.

Officers say the stranger never had any intention of buying the horses, but negotiated for them in order to gain the confidence of local business men whom he induced to cash his worthless checks.

Silver Tea Set is Trophy.
Salem.—Isaac E. Staples of Portland has offered a silver tea set to the exhibitor of the best equipped and neatest appearing herd of five Jersey cattle exhibited at the Oregon State fair, September 29 to October 4. The exhibit must include the herdsman, blankets and general appearance, both in the barn and in the show ring.

If you want a small ranch, remember that I have for sale the very best 40 acre ranch for the money, in the Rogue River Valley, all under cultivation and good buildings —C. S. REDFIELD.

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