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PROGRESS OF EXPOSITION.

Lewis and Clark Fair Rapidly Nearing Completion--Ready to Receive Exhibits in December.

Portland, Or., Nov. 15.—Although nearly seven months still remain before the opening day, June 1, the construction work on the grounds and buildings of the Lewis and Clark Exposition is rapidly nearing completion. Several of the main exhibit palaces are already finished and the completed state of the landscape gardening is exemplified in the beautiful lawns and beds of blooming flowers which now grace the site.

Three of the main exhibit palaces—the Agricultural building, the Foreign Exhibits building, and the Liberal Arts building—are under roof and ready to receive exhibits, shipment of which will be commenced in the east December 1. The Agricultural palace, the next to the largest building on the grounds, which, it was stated six months ago, would be ready for exhibits November 1, was ready on the specified date. The Forestry building, probably the most interesting on the grounds, is well advanced, the massive timbers which compose the walls and pillars being already in place. The Mines and Metallurgy, Festival Hall, the Machinery, Electricity and Transportation palace, and the Oregon building are rising from their foundations. The shelter pavilion, located just outside the Colonnade entrance, is receiving the finishing touches and some beautiful modeling work in decorative designs is to be noted both on this building and the colonnade entrance.

The colonnade entrance, located at Twenty-sixth and Upshur streets, about eighteen minutes' ride from the business section of Portland, admits one to the grounds. From the entrance a glimpse is had of the grand court, named Columbia Court, with Guild's Lake, the Government Peninsula, and the river in the vista. Flanking the entrance are the Administration building, and the police, fire and emergency stations. Passing straight through Columbia Court, which consists of two broad avenues, with spacious, sunken gardens between, the central figure of which will be the statue of the heroine, Sacajawea, one reaches the parapet at the head of Lakeview Terraces. From this commanding position a series of broad steps, with massive balustrades, lead down to the shore of Guild's Lake. At the foot of this Grand Stairway is the band stand, and on the shore of the lake the esplanade starts. The esplanade, already well under way, will lead outward into the lake, then westward, crossing the Trail and Bridge of Nations, and ending in St. Helen's road.

The Trail, which is the name given to the concessions street, will be located on the near part of the Bridge of Nations. Here, for a distance of 800 feet, the bridge has been built 150 feet wide, and the shows will be located on both sides of a seventy-foot avenue. The bridge, the foundation work of which is nearly completed, will lead to the peninsula on which will be situated the government building. When completed, the Bridge of Nations, classic in outline and built in imitation of solid masonry, will span a thousand feet of

waterway, the largest ever included and utilized in an exposition site.

The Exposition site, the most beautiful ever utilized for such a purpose, covers approximately 180 acres of land and 220 acres of water. In the park of the site, thirty-eight species of native trees and shrubs dot the well-kept lawns. The sunken gardens, where the most beautiful flowers will be planted, with a cascade effect of water running from a fountain in the center, will be one of the most beautiful features. In the western part of the grounds will be located the experimental gardens, where many varieties of plants, both useful as market products and beautiful in horticultural effect, will be grown. Every effort is being made by the management to add to the natural beauty of Centennial Park by artificial culture, and already the grounds are taking on an appearance which assures the highest excellence on opening day.

OUTSTING THE MOLE.

New Method Being Employed to Destroy the Pest on the Exposition Grounds.

While every man has his trade, and there are many strange ways of making a living, it is doubtful if there is another man in America who makes his living as does M. T. Whitney, of Chitwood, Oregon. Mr. Whitney has been engaged to destroy the moles which have threatened to undo to a large extent the work of beautifying the grounds of the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition at Portland. For a time it was feared that the beautiful lawns on the exposition grounds would be spoiled by the borings of the moles.

In his work of extermination Mr. Whitney uses a method which he himself discovered, and which he declares to be most effective. The moles are killed in their holes by gases which are forced into the burrows by the explosion of a patent cartridge. The cartridge is lighted, thrust into the mouth of the hole, and then covered over with dirt, the dirt being tamped down hard. When the cartridge explodes half a minute later, the smoke and gases engendered are forced to every part of the burrow, and the mole dies wherever he happens to be.

The cartridge is an interesting piece of work. It consists of an ordinary piece of fuse, six inches long, about which is wrapped a paper covering containing a small amount of fine black powder. The ends of the cartridge are fastened to prevent the powder escaping. The whole contrivance resembles a common fire cracker. It is exploded in the same way, the only difference being that the powder, being loosely packed, does not explode so violently.

Mr. Whitney, the inventor, is an interesting old man, and talks of his trade modestly, though with entire confidence in his method.

"The cartridges were used extensively by Prof. George Coote of the Oregon Agricultural college," he said. "By means of them Prof. Coote managed to rid the campus of the college, at Corvallis, of a gopher pest he had tried in vain to destroy."

Mr. Whitney admits that where the animals have bored in soft, loosely packed earth, as in a garden, his method is less effective, but he claims that even in such cases the moles and gophers can be killed off in time. The Fair gardener is satisfied with the work so far.

When Mr. Whitney began his work at the fair grounds a month ago, he found the ground everywhere honeycombed with the borings of the moles. He has already used at least a thousand cartridges, and will probably have to use as many more, but when he has completed his work there will not be a mole hill on the exposition grounds.

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STOCKMEN ENTHUSIASTIC.

Lively Interest in Live Stock Show of Lewis and Clark Exposition--Prizes Aggregating \$10,000 to be Distributed.

Portland, Or., Nov. 15.—Stockraisers, not only over the whole United States, but also in Canada and Mexico, are displaying a lively interest in the big live-stock contest which is to be a feature of the Lewis and Clark Fair at Portland next year. Richard Scott, of the Oregon state commission, who has just returned from St. Louis, where he went in the interests of next year's stock display at the Centennial, says that he found the stockmen there enthusiastic about the Fair, and that he feels confident that the number of exhibitors next summer will be large.

The management of the Exposition has appropriated a \$40,000 fund to be distributed as prizes and premiums, and this fact has been responsible to a large extent for the interest shown by owners of various kinds of stock.

The apportionment of the \$40,000 fund, as recently made by the executive committee is as follows:

Horses, class A.....	\$12,000
Cattle, class B.....	16,500
Sheep and goats, class C.....	6,500
Swine, class D.....	3,500
Poultry and pets, class E.....	1,500

The conditions governing the exhibit and classification of awards are now in preparation.

MAN HUNT IS ON.

Grant County Rustlers to be Run Down.

Long Creek, Or., Nov. 11.—Intense excitement prevails in the Long Creek country tonight over the formation of a Deputy Sheriffs' posse to round up and capture the gang of horsethieves whose depredations have become so widespread and bold as to make the situation on the ranges of Northern Grant intolerable.

Citizens are joining the posse in such numbers as to make ultimate capture of the marauders almost certain. Only three specific warrants have been issued and the names in these cases are withheld at the request of posse leaders, who do not wish to make public the identity of the men they are pursuing until the arrests are made.

The present uprising in Northern Grant against the semi-organized gang of rustlers, from whom no man's horses have been safe, is the climax of years of patient endurance. Individual arrests have been made from time to time by the Sheriffs of Grant and Umatilla Counties, but the band as a whole has never been broken up. Occasional recruits from trusted sources have kept the outlaw ranks from depletion.

"We'll chase this gang till hell freezes over if we don't catch 'em," tersely remarked one of the officers today, and the same note of determination is echoed by every stockman rallying to the hunt.

It is the peculiar system of this partially organized gang which has enabled the members to operate successfully for many years. They are not a spectacular band of horsemen, who sweep into a district and out again, taking with them 100 or 150 head. They are residents of Northern Grant itself or of contiguous territory, and rarely take more than two or three animals at a time.

The principal rustlers in the section pass as semi-respectable stockmen. They may be suspected by their neighbors, but having reputations of being men who will not stand much "fooling," these suspicions are hardly ever put in words. Frequently they are not even whispered between neighbor and neighbor. A man does not always know his friend in Northern Grant.

Bolder and more active operations than even the harassing thefts of the past three years have been in progress since spring, and this thoroughly earnest manhunt, to which the patient stockmen have at last been stirred, promises to break up or actually wipe

out one of the most annoying bands of rustlers that ever tormented the state.

Oregon Grain and Hay Values.

More than \$29,000,000 is the estimated value of the crops of grain and hay raised in Oregon this year. The figures as to grain are based on the government crop report; as to hay, on the best information obtainable from private sources. The value of the crop is reckoned at the present market price of each article quoted. The following table shows the value of the various crops:

Wheat.....	\$ 11,116,900
Corn.....	218,500
Hay.....	5,100,000
Rye.....	80,753
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