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THURSDAY, Sept. 21, 1911

OUR DISTRICT FAIR.

From all accounts the Third District Fair and Round Up recently held at Pendleton, was not only the most successful one yet held under the auspices of the Association, but one of the most important ever held in the Inland Empire.

From all sections of the Northwest and from many states east of the Rocky Mountains people flocked into Pendleton. The Round Up was doubtless the drawing card for thousands who are always in search of "thrills" and would cross the continent to witness a horse race or a prize fight, but other thousands were interested in the products and development of the country, and took advantage of the Fair to inform themselves upon its resources and productions.

So far we have heard nothing but praise for the efforts of the management in getting together suitable exhibits to fairly represent all sections of the District. It was a big job and required herculean and untiring effort for its accomplishment. But loyalty and perseverance was rewarded, and its effects will tell mightily for good in the years to come.

The people of this county, owing to the shortage of crops and the general cry of "hard times," did not take hold with their usual zeal and enthusiasm and as a consequence this section of the District was not so fully, or so well represented as it should have been, and yet after all is said our showing was nothing to be ashamed of. In fact we are rather proud of it.

The exhibits showed conclusively, so far as quality is concerned, that Morrow county products, grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables, occupy a prominent position in the front rank, while some of them are in a class to themselves.

Scientific farming, dairying and fruit-raising will eventually give us the preeminence to which we are by nature and environment entitled.

The annual convention of the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association will be held in Baker Nov. 14 and 15. Problems that confront the woolmen will be taken up and discussed and the tariff will be one of the leading features of general interest.

Great benefits to the Pacific Northwest will follow the opening of the Panama canal, according to Bernard N. Baker, retired steamship owner, who is now on a visit to Portland. Reductions of one-third and one-half in freight rates are predicted on shipments to and from the Atlantic coast cities.

October 1 has been set finally as the date for the opening of the new Southern Pacific line to Tillamook and adjoining sections of the coast country. A portion of the new road is already in operation but on that date trains will be run from one end of the line to the other, and regular service will be established.

A special session of the legislature to enact good roads legislation has been recommended by Governor West's commission, which has just met and outlined several bills. These provide for state aid, a state highway commissioner, and for enabling counties to avail them-

selves of the bonding act for road purposes passed at the last general election. The commission, who represent all parts of the state, are hopeful that much will be accomplished in the good roads movement by the enactment of these measures.

A Montana firm gets the contract for building the \$500,000 branch asylum at Pendleton. Another case of patronizing home industry.

Now say! Why don't you get a bunch of those Fall Colonist Folders of J. L. Wilkins, at the Palace hotel, and also a lot of the Morrow county booklets and forward them to your friends in the East, and other parts of the country? Now is just the time to get this literature out. It is all paid for and should be used. Get busy and send it along.

Milo maize is found to be an excellent substitute for corn on the dry lands of Central Oregon. Experiments made with it the past season prove it will make a good stock plant for the semi-arid districts. Because of its successful introduction into the interior, many farmers will probably plant large tracts to this crop next year, feeding it to cattle and hogs.

School Notes.

By E. E. Notson, Co. School Supt.

On the 13th inst. I visited the school in District No. 6, which is presided over by Miss Bertha Huston. Twelve pupils are enrolled. The equipment of this school is very good. The room is neatly papered, and the walls are very tastefully decorated. Ventilation is well provided for, each window having a window-board. I was pleased to note that the program provided well for the primary pupils.

On the 14th, I visited the school in District No. 38. Here Miss Clara Reid and eleven pupils are getting nicely started upon the work of the new year. The building is in excellent condition. The floors have been scrubbed, the sash-curtains washed and ironed, and the windows and walls washed. A new coal bin has been built. The well-kept library is installed in an excellent bookcase. A good clock is provided. A thermometer hangs near the teacher's desk. Window-boards will be placed in all the windows soon. I was pleased to note that the pupils were thoroughly tested for the thought in the reading work. The class in agriculture are doing much observation work. Miss Reid follows the precept, "Do nothing for the pupil, which he can, with reasonable effort, do for himself." I next visited the school in District No. 15, where I found Miss Elizabeth Slocum and nine pupils working diligently and happily together. The schoolhouse has been recently rebuilt and is in excellent condition. Window-boards are provided for all the windows. Each pupil has a sanitary drinking-cup. A water filter will be installed as soon as it can be procured. This school has a fine flag. Every pupil of school age in the Irrigon district is enrolled in school and was present the first day of school. That is a record hard to beat.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Notice is hereby given that all persons who paid one-half of their taxes last spring should pay the remaining half on or before the first Monday in October, thereby saving penalty and interest, which the sheriff must add to the tax if it becomes delinquent.

J. C. HAYES, Sheriff.

Notice.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Morrow Warehouse Milling Co. will be held at the Company's office at Heppner, Oregon, Tuesday, October 10, 1911 at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of considering the adoption of new By Laws, and for such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

E. D. BROWN, Secretary.

D. E. Gilman departed for Carson, Wash., this morning, to look after interests over that way. He states that the development of the tract of land that he and others of Heppner are interested in over there is going on nicely, and before a great while they will have completed their irrigation system and then the tract will be placed on the market.

ENDORSES CREAMERY

Also Some Other Good Ideas Noted.

Heppner, Oregon, Sept. 13, 1911.

EDITOR GAZETTE:

I have heard much about the Booster Club. Last night I attended a meeting, and I believe some missionary work should be done among the Boosters, as they evidently believe the creek bottoms the only land that will admit of diversified farming. I believe you are wrong; I also believe that the demonstration people have done this county much good already. Discing the stubble soon after harvest and packing the soil has proven to be of the greatest value. But I will not waste time theorizing.

I have lived in what is now Morrow county for over thirty years and have seen with my own eyes positive proof of all I claim. Now from the talk on last night a lot of the Boosters think it would be a feat to keep a hog or a cow on five or ten acres of hill land. There is hardly a farm among the hills that there is not from five to ten acres that will grow good alfalfa. There used to be a good field on the Bill Hendrix place. I'll bet Huddleston don't know anything about that. James Hams had a piece below Hardman on the place now owned by John Adams, that was as fine as I ever saw on the creek bottoms, and that on the Hendrix place would average with the creek alfalfa.

Wash Thompson's orchard last year grew as fine apples as could be grown anywhere. This land is quite the highest of all the surrounding country, the orchard sloping to the north.

The farmers have grown on these hill lands grains that have taken as many diplomas as any like number of farmers in any part of the United States.

When I was reaching I sent potatoes to the Portland carnival that took the diploma and I took diplomas on potatoes at both Buffalo, N. Y. and Charleston, S. C. These potatoes were grown without a drop of irrigation. I grew sheaves of oats and wheat that were five and six feet long. It was difficult to put three Hungarian prunes in a Mason pint jar. I picked 56 Duchs apples from three trees less than one inch in diameter that filled a bushel box. Everyone remarked about what a good ranch Cummings had. I sold it and about all it has produced since is weeds.

I know it is a safe proposition to take a half section of this hill land and demonstrate just what can be done. I am sure the results would exceed all our expectations.

I have been traveling over the county for 15 days and find there is a splendid crop of potatoes, a good crop of prunes, a large crop of splendid pears and a great many apples, but last Spring's freeze caused people to think their fruit was killed, so they did not spray with arsenate of lead and the apples are quite all so rotten they are unfit for use.

I don't believe in misrepresenting. I wish that some of these Boosters might go with me in my rounds and see some of the things I gather. I will bring up a peach today that grew in Morrow county on a tree loaded to the breaking point. W. B. Ewing asked if they were any good. I cut one and he said he never tasted so delicious a flavored peach. There were three or four trees just loaded. T. D. Matthews has three trees of same variety. One of the trees was broken down after being propped. Percy Jarman has about three trees of same variety literally broken down with fruit. I have named the peaches Wattenburger's Choice, and have about 500 budded for next fall delivery.

Now Mr. Editor, I want time to finish this. The real object of this meeting was to discuss and devise means for the establishing of a creamery here. Now I know a creamery will do more for our county than any other one thing. Any good average dairy cow will give a sure return of \$100 a year. This can be increased to \$130, but to be conservative, call it \$100. Every farmer can keep ten cows, it don't make any difference whether he is on the hill or on the creek bottom. I don't mean that the creek bottom is not preferable, but he can succeed on the hill. He has a clean income of \$1000 a year; then the milk will help to keep several hogs and chickens. In fact anyone supplying cream to a creamery must have hogs to eat the milk.

With a creamery here the farmers

would soon produce more pork and lard than the entire county would need. Pork has been selling all summer at 18 cents a pound. If a creamery is established here, in less than two years the farmers receipts for cream alone will exceed \$100,000.00 a year. Then the milk fed to hogs and chickens will make a snug sum. You know the consumer does not get the retail price only when he supplies his table, and to that extent he can count his pork at 18 cents, his lard at 15 cents and his bacon at 25 cents. Have any of you ever given any thought as to what our farmers pay out for -but ter, pork and lard in 12 months? The gross amount would astound even myself. Let him produce this. He can do it through the dairy cow.

It is all moonshine to say it can't be done. They could not make anything in the Willamette Valley until they got the dairy cow and then wages jumped from \$20 to \$45 per month, with a lively demand for labor.

There is lots of choice dairy cows for sale in Oregon at reasonable prices. I am quite certain I could get a pledge of 500 cows in ten days and this would give the farmers \$50,000 a year for cream alone with good prospects for much larger returns.

The time is ripe for a creamery. It will give us greater prosperity than any other thing—in fact it is the one thing that will put life into the industrial development of Morrow county.

HARRY CUMMINGS.

Mr. Cummings has written on this creamery proposition, and can come up with more good talk, but it is the desire of this paper to hear from others. We are all interested, and the columns of the Gazette are open to all to discuss the matter. Let the public know what you think about it, and if you will handle some dairy stock, say so. Give us the benefit of your "think so."

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