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THE action of the directors in changing the name of the Grange Fair Association to the Multnomah County Fair Association on the whole seems to be a good thing. Present conditions indicate that the assistance once fondly expected from adjoining counties will not be likely to be realized as those sections have ambitions of their own. Since Multnomah County must bear the expense of support it is likely that support will be more freely given if it sounds more like a county institution.

The fair has been a good thing for the county in the past and there is no reason for believing that it may not continue to do good work in the future, especially if some of those persons who have the management will do the work that comes to hand unselfishly and for the general good of the localities interested.

THE movement that has been started to provide a recreation park for the children of the Lents Section of the city is a good one but we are afraid that it will all come to nothing.

It is customary for growing cities to wait till the available areas have all been occupied or so increased in value that the city can not afford to own them when an agitation is started to secure space for such parks. If this section of the growing city of Portland is to have a park it is time to take some action on the matter. Since Lents is not an incorporated part of the city that will be a difficult matter to accomplish. It has been suggested that a part of the county ground north of the gravel pit might be utilized. That, however, is too far away from the center of population for general convenience. There are other tracts that might be secured if the funds were available.

Present indications suggest that nothing will be done along this line until Lents comes to have some municipal status. That will in all probability be settled within the next year or so and in the event of its annexation to the city there will be occasion to look after the matter at once.

IT is interesting to stand aside for a moment and see the world go on, as it were. One who is as busy as the most of are really have no idea of the wonderful things that are passing in the daily procession. The February Review of Reviews contains a six page article, tracing the rise of the president of the world's latest and greatest Republic, Yuan Shih Kai. But the writer did not contemplate the situation. A month ago Yuan was China's "strong man," yet of destiny uncertain. At best he was "betwixt and between," an unscrupulous diplomat with a nation of diplomats. And at that the writer seems to have seen short of the motives that impelled the astute statesman. Yuan accepted the direction of national affairs with the intention of staying at the head. If Manchus won he got the credit; if the rebels were to win he would quit in time to

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Illinois produced last year more corn than any other state in the Union, but the largest average yield per acre—38.3 bushels—was grown in Connecticut, not usually considered in the list of corn producing states at all. It is evident that the farmers of those rocky little New England homesteads are on to some secrets of corn raising that the owners of the big farms of the central western states would do well to get next to.

Baguio, in the Philippine Islands, is said to be the wettest place in all the territory at present under the control of the United States. Meteorological records kept there show that in four days of last July 88.14 inches of water fell, thirty-four inches of this enormous amount falling in a period of twenty-four hours. This place is the health resort of the island, and the "water" cure is said to be a favorite method of treatment.

Surveys are being made for a scenic highway around Crater Lake, in southern Oregon, which is conceded to be one of the world's wonder spots, but which as yet has been visited by comparatively few people on account of its inaccessibility. A proposed automobile road from Medford, a station on the main line of the railroad, some sixty miles away, and the building of the scenic drive around the lake will afford to lovers of the beautiful in nature an opportunity of viewing one of her masterpieces.

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