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COUNTY FAIR LOSES BACKING.

Management of Officials
Loses East Side Assist-
ance—Private Enterprise
Must Make it Pay.

The Multnomah County Fair is again thrown on its own resources. Two years during its history it has had assistance from the state and in one instance the county court made them a donation of \$2000 but the court is trying to cut down expenses and it has passed by the opportunity to levy a special tax for the support of the fair. That will put the fair on its own resources.

The support secured last year was largely due to the friendly offices of the East Side Business Men's Association. Members of this association went personally to the Court and interested last year in the interests of the fair. This year they did not feel so friendly. The change in feeling was due to lack of diplomacy on the part of the president of the fair last year. The \$2000 made such a good backing for the little enterprise that he forgot that it might not be so easy to secure it again and as a consequence he neglected to cultivate the friendship of the East Side men. It has been customary to send them a special invitation to attend in a body but that was entirely overlooked last season. One of the members was heard to speak of this last year a few days before the opening of the fair and to give the assurance that their club would not be so ready to give a "bunch of gratters" like that their assistance so readily hereafter. He blamed the entire management but when it was explained that it was probably due to an oversight on the part of the president it did not seem to count for much. The spot was sore and it does not seem to have healed.

That Pres. Shattuck should have made such an oversight as this seems ridiculous. He was elected to the presidency of the fair largely at his own solicitation, assuming that his ability would lift the fair out of the uncertain financial position which it has occupied ever since it was organized, but he has had an opportunity to learn something of the difficulties of an official of such an organization, though he had the active co-operation of the other officials, quite to the contrary of some of the experiences of others preceding him, yet with all that he did not make relatively more of a showing than his predecessors, so when election time came this year he was ready to shift the burden onto other shoulders.

The newly elected President is H. W. Lewis of Russellville, and the Secretary is E. M. Kardell, re-elected. Both are experienced men and well qualified to attend to the work, having the confidence of the new board and other officials, and they stand a good show of making the fair a success. However it is a hard blow to be deprived of a small county fund.

C. L. PARKER CELEBRATES HIS 88th. BIRTHDAY

A very pleasant entertainment was given to Mr. C. L. Parker at his home in Lents, Feb. 11, in honor of his 88th birthday. His children, grand children, and great grandchildren, and his friends were all there to wish him a happy birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. VanBlaricom of Gilberts; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Garrison of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Eastman of 7th Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Solomon; Mr. and Mrs. P. Parker; Mrs. W. Barnett; Mrs. M. E. Thompson of Arleta; Mrs. C. W. VanBlaricom of Gilberts; and great grand children, Raymond Eastman, Alvin Garrison, Neeta Van Blaricom, Eva Van Blaricom, and Miss Montia Parker.

FAIRBANKS DAIRY SOLD.

The Fairbanks dairy has recently been sold to Mr. Huber, who, it is reported, has leased the Peter Roth place and will remove the dairy to that place at an early date.

This will be the great blessing to Mr. Fairbanks for he has recently found it very difficult to care for his customers due to exposure in all sorts of weather, and very lately the exposure incident to his deliveries brought on an attack of pneumonia which has confined him to the bed for two months, and from which he has not recovered.

ROAD LEGISLATION NAT'L MOVEMENT

Congressional Committee of
1912 Formulates Plan For
Local Road Improvement—
Questions Involved.

About the last thing done at the summer session of Congress was to appoint a joint committee for the purpose of investigating the feasibility of assisting state or county governments in the construction of public roads. Senator Bourne of Oregon was placed at the head of this committee, being the head of the committee on Post Offices and Post Roads. It was thought that the purpose of the national government might better be carried out through this committee.

It was planned at once to get together all the data possible on the question of government aid in road construction. Officials of numerous foreign nations of Europe were solicited for information. The members of the committee proceeded to collect data throughout the country, and at this time a number of questions are being asked of the people through the newspapers generally. These questions deal with the question of the advisability of the government's giving assistance in local road construction. Isn't that an intrusion of the people's rights and duties? Then there is a question as to selection of roads to be improved, should it be decided to use national funds for the purpose. Shall it attempt to improve all roads, post roads (that is rural free delivery roads, or star routes), main traveled or marketing roads, main highways between large cities, trunk lines, or pleasure drives, like the projected Pacific Highway?

In either instance there is another question—shall money be expended on construction, maintenance, general improvement, or on all these; or should it be paid to the state to be used unconditionally, as they see fit; or should it be allotted to them as a reward to local authorities that have constructed, or maintained, a highway in good condition.

Then in either instance, what part of the cost should be assumed by the national government? What part by the state, and how much will the county or road district provide. Or shall property abutting on the road ways be held for a portion exceeding that more distant? Should the award be proportional to cost or so much per mile?

It has also been considered whether it would not be better to apportion government aid on a basis of population, acre, mileage of rural and star routes, or of taxable valuation, or a combination of these.

After the roads are built, who will see to their preservation? As is customary in most parts of this country when a road is once built, it takes care of itself until it is worn out or washed out, and then it is rebuilt in full. Experience of other countries seems to show that it is better to establish a system of repairs and keep some one busy attending to even small sections of the road every day of the year, and in the work of constructing and maintaining government aid roads who shall attend to the supervision of construction and maintenance?

Now these are a lot of questions to be asked in one short article, but we presume some reader of The Herald will be interested enough in the subject to send us some opinions and we will collect these opinions and forward them to the committee in Congress. This is one of the matters which should not be deferred. It will require answer before the close of the present session of congress, for with this congress the committee will stand a chance of having completed its work.

SPECIAL PROGRAM ANNOUNCED.

Lents Parent Teacher's Club will serve a "Colonial Tea" at their next meeting which will be held in the school assembly hall at 2:30 p. m. on Friday the 21 of this month. There will be a very interesting program of which the following will be a part:

Song America
Dress Reform Mrs. Elliott King
Child's Welfare Readings by
a Teacher
Minnet 2nd and 3rd Grades
Refreshments in the teacher's room.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wallace, and family, of 9th. avenue visited Mr. and Mrs. G. Kimber of Hawthorne avenue, Sunday.

JOHN BULL: "HURRY UP, SAMMY, AND FINISH DIGGING OUR BLOOMIN' PANAMA CANAL."



—Morris in Spokane Spokesman-Review

BASE BALL MEETING OF ATHLETIC CLUB

The Lents Athletic Club has called a special meeting for Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of taking up next seasons base ball plans. The meeting will be open to all members of the club, and to ball fans or other friends of the game. It is hoped to develop plans for two good teams, so there can be a leading team and also a second team. It is hoped to organize both these teams in the Athletic Club, and it is naturally reasonable that such should be done. It will require some assistance in the form of contributions and the good will of the people in the locality. A large attendance at Friday's meeting is urged. The Lents Athletic Club now numbers 40 members.

PRODUCES ONE-THIRD OF WORLD'S SUPPLY OF CATTLE.

The world's cattle production and population have a very important influence upon the cattle feeding business, and a clear conception of world wide influences will aid in forming a correct estimate of conditions. Geographic distribution—There are approximately 450,000,000 cattle in the entire world; in the United States there are (estimated) 71,000,000, or about 16 percent. However, considering type and size of animals it is estimated that the United States produces one-third of the world's supply.

Ratio of cattle to population in the United States is about .77 cattle per capita; this in comparison to 4.27 in Argentine and .18 in Italy. Ratio of number of cattle to area in this country, is 23 cattle per square mile, Belgium 184, and Canada 2.

In an interview, Mr. D. O. Lively, Chief of livestock Department of Panama-Pacific International Exposition, blames the under production of cattle for the present condition of living costs. He said—"The bulk of western lands are best fitted for stock grazing and the farmer sold his birthright for a mess of cold turkey when he turned from the splendid beef production of the old days to raising grain. The production of live stock is going to grow in leaps and bounds for the reason that the farmer and small ranchman have finally realized the profit there is in raising live stock, especially as contrasted against truck farming; he continued, "The generous prizes paid for stock in the open market, combined with the work of the agricultural colleges toward this end, has helped convince the farmer that he'd better change and reap this new field."

CIVIC STUDY.

Do not forget the class in civic government, Tuesday next, Feb. 18th at one to three p. m. sharp. "County administration" is the theme. The lecture topic is: "The Parable of the Farmer." It is a study in conservation, free to all. Bring your note book and pencil. The meeting will be as usual, at the public library.

PORTLAND YOUTHS GET IN TROUBLE

Two boys, who gave their names as Kenneth Specht and Donald Cooper respectively, were shot and seriously wounded early Monday morning by M. H. Wheeler, a farmer living near Boronia.

Mr. Wheeler was awakened about 1 o'clock by a noise in his barn and, arming himself, went to investigate. He saw the boys searching through the barn and ordered them to throw up their hands, which they did, but one of them had a revolver pointing directly at Mr. Wheeler. The latter emptied one barrel of his gun, wounding Specht in the chest and neck and Cooper in the left arm. They surrendered at once and Mr. Wheeler took them to the house and telephoned for a doctor.

Upon the arrival of Dr. H. H. Hughes, two hours later, it was found that neither of the young men was in any immediate danger. They admitted having stolen the horse and buggy they arrived in and said they were looking for feed and a place to sleep. They said they lived on East Twelfth street, Portland.

Mr. Wheeler, who is a special Deputy Sheriff in Clackamas county, went with Cooper to Oregon City on an early car to surrender himself to Sheriff Mass and to surrender himself pending an inquiry.

THREE OF WANAMAKERS FOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

When he was postmaster general under President Harrison Mr. John Wanamaker recommended these four extensions of the postal service:

Rural free delivery.
Postal savings banks.
Parcel post.
Government ownership of telegraph and telephone systems.

He has lived to see three of the four carried out—two of them in the face of vigorous and well organized commercial opposition. A man would be rash indeed to venture the prediction that the fourth development will not be realized within the next few years.

The two he has found out that they can use the government as their agent to do a lot of things for them more efficiently than they can be done by privately owned corporations.

NOTICE

Persons holding bills of the Mt. Scott Pub. Co. receipted by L. B. Tuttle are kindly requested to notify this office, unless they have previously informed us, particularly if they have received other bills since the bill they hold was receipted.

MT. SCOTT PUB. CO.

M. E. CHURCH

Preaching, baptism, and reception of members by the pastor. At 3 p. m. Prof. Allison will conduct services at Bennett Chapel. In the evening the pastor will conduct Evangelistic service as usual.
W. JOYD MOORE Pastor.

TEACH CHILDREN TO GROW GARDEN

Mr. C. D. Nairn Tells of
How He Acquired
Knowledge That Goes to
Make Successful Farmer.

In response to a request for a donation for the School Children's Industrial Contest, Superintendent Alderman's office received the subjoined letter from one of the most successful farmers and stockmen of the State, a man who landed in this country with no capital except his knowledge of how to farm. The fact that he has made a financial success and is now the owner of more than one good farm, is splendid evidence of the value of early instruction in agriculture, such as he tells about getting when a small lad. It contains so much good common sense and suggestions worthy the consideration of every parent that Mr. Alderman thought they should have the benefit of it. (Signed) N. C. MARIS

The letter follows: "In reference to children growing garden, I have taken particular pains to note how parents act in my neighborhood toward teaching their children how to plant, cultivate and care for gardens. I find they are so busy with their spring farming that the garden for the home is neglected until seeding is over, and then I never see the children giving any assistance. In short, the parents never give their children any instruction nor encourage them to produce anything to exhibit. Being statistical crop correspondent I take special notice of this fact. How different when I was a boy back in Scotland, where gardening was considered very important on the farm. Men made a business of going from farm to farm to 'delve' (dig or spade over) the farmers' garden. Father would have us (4) boys viewing the man with the short handled spade, pushing in the manure ahead and turning each spadeful as level and even as a plow. Then we would be taken to a corner and by actual experience make garden of our own. This old man that came year after year to our farm to make garden was instructed to show us boys how to mound up the seed beds, how to sow the seeds with two fingers and thumb in drills, how to use the rake in covering; in short, how to make garden from start to finish. Father trained us for farmers; how to sow seed with the two hands, how to mow, to hoe potatoes, to 'single' turnips, etc. He just devoted all his time to our farm education when we were not in school. This early training was worth a great deal to me when I came to this country. Then mother trained the girls in dairying and everything pertaining to woman's work on the farm. Father and mother looked at this matter as a duty toward their children, and we enjoyed the work. Now, unless parents give their children instruction and encouragement it will be uphill business for them. Many farmers do not know how to make a good garden. I know this to be a fact, as very few can furnish even new potatoes for the table at threshing time. I strive to have new potatoes by May 24th, when the average farmer is beginning to make garden. What is to be the remedy? The children have to get their instructions from some other source. In rural districts it could be possible to get these instructions along with their book. For example, take my school district (Enterprise). There is a new school house close to the county road. The children use the road for a play ground. There is an acre of fine land lying idle—yes, worse than idle—growing weeds, briars, etc. Why could it not be possible to stake off lots for all the children, letting the boys grow vegetables and the girls flowers. If the teacher is not capable to give instructions let the directors of the school district take turns on Saturday or other days, or if this is not convenient let them appoint someone to give instructions in garden work at stated times, and instead of plowing a larger garden I would start with a square rod or more and get the child to make it from start to finish, cultivation and all, and as they get interested in plant life, increase the space. I give these suggestions for your consideration along with a \$20.00 Collie pup for the children, the same as I gave last year."

Yours truly,
C. D. NAIRN.

Tillman Bros. are building a new residence in Merrill Addition. The Miller Mowrey Co. has the contract for the lumber.

CONTEST RECEIVES NEW IMPETUS

Interest Increasing as Shown
by Large Number of Sub-
scriptions That Are com-
ing in Daily.

It is a little difficult to tell which is to be the leading prize in The Herald's voting contest. Popularity seems to be pretty well divided between the piano and the motor cycle. While the motor cycle was on exhibit last week there were a large number of people came to see it. Another machine will be brought out within a short time and it will probably stay on exhibit until the close of the contest, which will be right in the best of the spring motoring season.

Arrangements were completed Monday for the \$425 Eilers piano. This grade of instrument is even an improvement on that offered last spring. It can be obtained in either oak, mahogany or walnut finish, and on account of the desire to please the contestants, we will not have it shipped out until the voting is completed and the award is made. It might require a change of instruments which of itself would be expensive. Further the exposure to which it would be subjected if placed on exhibit render it subject to injury. To avoid this the Eilers company have agreed to wait until the first of June to send it out. Should anyone desire to examine these instruments they are invited to call at the Eilers Music House and going to the third floor ask for Mr. Schell. Tell him what you want and he will take pleasure in showing the instrument. In fact they will be glad to show you any piano in the house and let you test their tones. They have some very fine instruments but we feel sure that you will find the \$425 one well worthy of your commendation.

As an addition to the home there is no other instrument or piece of furniture that compares with a piano. It is an evidence of culture to everyone that visits your home. It is a companion every day in the year and the ability to participate in the rendering of musical composition is a sure entry to good social standing, particularly among the younger people of your community. The ability to render a musical selection always gives you a preference over a mere conversationalist. In the home it helps to relieve monotonous soothed tired nerves, and offers a practical relaxation from work or study or worry.

So much for the value of music. Now there are people enough in this locality who are interested in this voting contest, who have a choice of the candidates, who if they were disposed to give assistance would be practically sure of making a record run for votes in this "campaign". Someone must get these prizes. Your friends stand equal chances, if they get the proper support. Are you giving that support to some appreciative, worthy young person?

Look the list over and decide on giving some one your subscription, your order to folks "back home" and acquaintances elsewhere.

STANDING OF NOMINEES IN CONTEST

DISTRICT NO. 1.	
Edith Smethurst, Lents.....	8900
Arthur Walker, Lents.....	21375
Matthew Boland, Lents.....	3625
Hazel Sommervell, Lents.....	3600
Fred Peterson, Lents.....	5250
Opal Hand, Lents.....	5100
Ruth Richards, Lents.....	2950
Ruth Howe, Lents.....	5125
Adina Mortrade, Lents.....	5125
DISTRICT NO. 2.	
Geo (Hickey) Wrisley, Lents.....	67800
Mark Conklin, Lents.....	21375
Ruth A. Rodgers, Lents.....	17325
Frieda Alplinalp, Lents.....	14200
M. S. Hazen, Lents.....	7850
Jas. Wands, Lents.....	6250
R. B. Maxmeyer, Lents.....	5400
Wesley Reynolds.....	5125
DISTRICT NO. 3.	
Fred Heiman, Lents.....	34850
Cleveland Bliss, Gresham R 3.....	5475
Callie Elkhorn, Lents.....	5300
Mamie Pitts, Gresham R 2.....	5475
Leland Moore, Gresham R 3.....	5100
May Kesterson, Gresham R 3.....	5175
Marian Brown, Gresham.....	5175
Ray Kesterson, Gresham R 3.....	5125
Forest Udy.....	5250
Lenora Hurtle.....	5125

EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Preaching Sabbath 11 a. m. Theme: "Optimism in Christian Work." Evening Sermon 7:30. Theme: How can I make my life count, like Paul did his. A cordial invitation to all, especially to those who have no church home.
P. CONKLIN Pastor.