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TO HAVE GOOD COUNTY FAIR.

The Polk County fair should be much better this year, at its second attempt, than last year. With the co-operation of the Poultry Breeders' association and the enthusiastic support of the schools in the way of making exhibits, the interest of the farmers that has already been shown, and the willingness of the Dallas Commercial club to make the event a pleasant and profitable one for the county, there is no reason why a record-breaking exhibit cannot be made.

Referendum Election.

The proposal contained in Senator Day's bill which passed the senate last week providing for a special election on all measures passed by the present legislature upon which the people will invoke the referendum, has much merit. To be sure, it will be somewhat expensive, but that is a heritage of the far-famed

"Oregon system." So long as the people have the power to tie up any or all legislation, matters should be arranged to either approve or condemn it as quickly as possible. The Observer is not claiming that this giving to the people the power of approval or disapproval of legislation is not practical, but does insist that no small minority should be permitted to hold it up for two years and thus deprive the state of the benefit of it, during all of that time.

It has been declared time and again that the referendum would be invoked on this or that measure, and this threat, to a certain extent, has had, we believe, a wholesome effect upon the deliberations of the present legislature. That part of it is all right, but where is the justice in permitting five per cent of the voters of the state to deprive the other 95 per cent of the effects of the legislation they have asked for? As matters now stand, it is entirely possible for a very small percentage of the people to invoke the referendum on the appropriation for the Panama-Pacific exposition, and, if such a course were pursued, it would simply result in the state taking no part in the display at San Francisco. This would be an outcome which is certainly not desired by any progressive citizen.

But the simple fact that the people have this power has resulted in causing the legislators to pause and think over the matter before voting a large sum for the fair. None of the members were willing to vote a sum so large that the people would be justified in taking matters in their own hands. All want the state represented but at the same time, they realize that it will be best to move circumspectly in voting away the state's money.

But let us have the election, by all means. It isn't obligatory. The people don't have to hold an election—the bill merely provides that, if the referendum shall be invoked, the election be held in August, and the matter be settled rather than to hold it up for two years. It is good sense and the bill should pass.

REALTY MOVEMENT ASSURED

Commercial Club Answers Many Queries As to Valley. More than the usual inquiries have been made during the past month from various parts of the country as to conditions in the Willamette valley, most of them wanting information as to climate and price of land. The secretary has been forwarding all possible information to the parties who have been attracted by advertising of the country's resources, and it is evident that the valley country will have a large influx of settlers during the spring months. Kentucky, Oklahoma, and Missouri have sent the bulk of these questions, although several inquiries came from Canada by those who are not satisfied with the country there.

INDEPENDENT BASE BALL

Little Interest is Shown in League Organization.

The base ball enthusiasts saw little to be gained by entering the six team league proposed by McMinnville, Hillsboro, and others and no delegation was sent to meet the promoters on Sunday at McMinnville. It is thought that a strong independent team will prove a better proposition for Dallas. The committee which attended the first conference of the promoters recently thought that Dallas could better put up with a strictly home organization, having an abundance of material for the making of a first class amateur team. Sheridan for the past two seasons has supported a semi-professional team and Dallas has held its own. The other places which are anxious to see the organization of the league are close to Portland where semi-professional men can be easily obtained on short notice at little expense and some of the Dallas supporters of baseball did not care to enter into anything that smacked of professionalism. It is thought, should proper grounds be secured, there will be no trouble in having a good quality of ball during the summer, but that the financial end of the affair will be easily met with independent ball.

PARK CAN BE BEAUTY SPOT

Architect Says Dallas Has Natural Resort.

J. A. Gilbertson, architect and designer, was in Dallas yesterday on the way to Albany on business and remained during the day at the request of those interested in improving the city park for various purposes. The gentleman made a rough sketch of the grounds and furnished an estimate of what it might cost to erect various buildings for use of fair grounds and exhibitions, conceits that the city would require in a short time. Mr. Gilbertson drew the plans for the McMinnville grounds, making suggestions as to what the city needed, and he informed a reporter for The Observer that Dallas has far better natural advantages than McMinnville. Here, he says, a natural stream from the mountains flows through the grounds, furnishing a supply of warm water where water lilies could be made to bloom and a park beautiful be created with small expense. Mr. Gilbertson has been in consultation with the city council in the past as to creating a park in some out of the way place and he says the city has a place now that of nature gave, and he thinks there is no danger of an overflow of water, judging from the appearance of the park as it now stands.

SHERIDAN ASKS FOR PAVING

City Urges Council to Place Hard Surface Pavement.

As Sheridan has lost one year in the race with its competitors for street improvement, and the condition of the streets are now worse than those of the average sized town, its citizens are becoming awakened to the necessity of prompt action and are urging the common council to do something in the way of betterment. The Sun says that paving made on one street two years ago, while not the best, has proven of such marked benefit that other property owners are anxious to proceed with the work and demand of the council a pavement of quality. The members of the council seem to be agreed upon the matter, and for the purpose of education made a trip to Portland recently to investigate the work done in that city and to acquaint themselves with the various kinds of pavements used.

Dallas Band Has New Director.

The resignation of Director U. S. Grant at the regular meeting Wed-

nesday night caused the selection of F. L. Shrake, an experienced hand, to fill the position. Mr. Grant's duties called him away a portion of the time and the members showed their anxiety for the success of the organization by making the selection of a new leader at once. The outgoing master who has done so much to build up the organization was tendered the heartiest thanks for work done for the Dallas band in past years. Mr. Grant left last week on business connected with the Angora Goat association of which he is president, to be gone for several days.

Legal blanks for sale at this office.

Petition For Incorporation, Town of West Salem.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Polk County. Notice is hereby given that the following petition for the incorporation of West Salem, Polk County, Oregon, will be presented to the County Court of said county and state, at its regular term in March, 1913, which date is March 5th, 1913:

Petition for the incorporation of the Town of West Salem, in the County of Polk and State of Oregon: To the Honorable County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk:

We, the undersigned citizens and qualified electors of the County of Polk and State of Oregon, residing within the limits and boundaries of the District hereinafter described, respectfully demand that there shall be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Oregon, for Polk County, described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the intersection of the South line of the Wallace road in Polk County, Oregon, with the West line of school district number thirty-two (32); thence South Westerly down the West line extended of said school district number thirty-two (32) in a South Westerly direction to the intersection of said line with Frank Gibson's North property line, the same being the South line of Kingwood Park Addition; thence East-erly along said Gibson's line extended to the West line of the Willamette River; thence Northerly following the meanderings of said River to the intersection thereof with the South line of said Wallace road extended easterly to said Willamette river.

At a special election to be called by said County Court, the question whether or not that portion of Polk County, State of Oregon, hereinafore described shall be incorporated as a municipal corporation to be named, and designated as "West Salem," in accordance with the provisions of that said Act of the Legislative Assembly entitled "An Act for a general law for the incorporation of cities and towns in the State of Oregon," and each for himself or herself says: I am a qualified elector of the State of Oregon and of the County of Polk, and reside within that portion of said County above described; I believe that there are 300 inhabitants within the limits of the said district above described which purposes to incorporate; my residence and post office address are correctly written after my name. Name. Residence. Postoffice. Geo. W. Gosser, West Salem; Salem, R. No. 2. John Simon, West Salem; Salem, R. No. 2. Lawrence N. Simon, West Salem; 371 Court St. Frank M. Simon, West Salem; 120 N. Con't St. Geo. L. Frazure, West Salem; R. D. 2, Box 94. Mrs. Geo. L. Frazure, West Salem; R. F. D. No. 2, Box 94. C. O. White, West Salem; R. F. D. 2, Box 91. Geo. W. Tobin, West Salem; R. F. D. 2.

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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk. Department No. 1. Collin Murray, Plaintiff,

vs. Edw. Horan, Defendant. To Edw. Horan, the above named defendant.

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action, on or before the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: February 21st, A. D. 1913, that being the date of the last publication of this summons; and if you fail to answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, principal, with interest thereon at the rate of one per cent per month from the 3rd day of November, 1912; and for the further sum of Fifty Dollars as attorney's fees, and for all costs and disbursements of said action; said action is brought upon a promissory note dated Nov. 3rd, 1908, at Nome, Alaska, signed by you and made payable to Collin Murray. Also for an attachment against your real estate situated in Polk county, Oregon.

The date of the first publication of this summons is, the 17th day of January, 1913, and the date of the last publication is the 21st day of February, A. D. 1913. This summons is published by order of Hon. J. B. Teal, County Judge of Polk County, Oregon, duly made and entered at chambers in the city of Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, this 14th day of January, A. D. 1913. ED. F. COAD, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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