

THE POLK COUNTY FAIR

PREPARATIONS FOR COMING EVENT STILL INCOMPLETE.

Arnold's Attractions May Return to Amuse Those Attending Annual Exhibit This Fall.

It is regrettable that more interest is not manifested in the forthcoming county fair, not only by the farmers of the county but by the management as well. The secretary of the board and the collector of exhibits for the state fair, which exhibits will be displayed at the Polk county institution prior to taking them to Salem, are laboring diligently to make the undertaking a success, but aside from this action comparatively little is being done from any source. The cooperation that is necessary between all parties concerned to make the fair the success that it should be, and could be, appears to be lacking. From present indications, however, the agricultural and horticultural departments will be fairly well filled, but the stockmen are loth to take sufficient interest in the matter to give this department the showing it should have, considering the opportunities here offered. They are inclined to consider the expense too great for the benefits derived. Several stock-raisers who exhibited last year have declined to bring their animals for show this fall, preferring to take them to the state fair where the chances for remuneration for the effort is greater with practically the same outlay. The industrial school exhibit will probably be larger and better than on any previous occasion, the pupils of the county, as well as parents and teachers, showing marked interest in that department.

While the fair is less than a month distant no positive arrangements have been made for attractions to entertain visitors, although correspondence to that end is now being carried on. The Arnold Carnival company, well known in Dallas, it having been here on sundry and divers occasions, may come to the fair again this year. If a contract is executed with the management for this attraction Arnold will come with some new features. Outside of this, a number of other entertainments are under consideration, but nothing definite has been done up to this time to close with them. While such should not be the case, these attractions are necessary for the entertainment of those attending, and the board will probably see to it that the best obtainable with the means at hand will be secured for the week.

Comparatively little publicity has been given the fair up to this time, and as the date is drawing near the management will be obliged to get active if good results from the standpoint of attendance is expected. The premium lists have been placed in the hands of farmers and stockraisers, but aside from this promotion work has been decidedly meagre. The financial condition of the association does not warrant heavy expenditures in this direction, but it must not hide its light under a bushel and expect good results. Lack of funds has been caused to a considerable extent by the erection of the large pavilion on the grounds, and other necessary improvements, the board having no source of revenue except an appropriation from the county court, amounting to something like \$1,500, and an amount sufficient to pay premiums from the state. The expenses have necessarily been large, the start being from practically nothing.

Every farmer and every resident of the cities and towns should lend their support to this enterprise, not only giving it encouragement by making exhibits when possible but by their presence when the opening day arrives. The event will not be "the biggest and best ever seen upon this globular wad," and such can not be expected—but it will be what the community makes it. The people must make the fair.

In a letter to Mrs. Winnie Braden yesterday afternoon, John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, announced the reduction of railroad rates from all Willamette valley points and on all Southern Pacific lines to the Polk county fair. One and one-third fare will be charged adults for round trip tickets, and one half the adult rate for children. Sales dates are September 21 to 24 inclusive and the return limit is September 26.

Independence Vagrant Jailed.

Leo McGinnis, a wanderer, was brought to the county jail yesterday morning by Sheriff John Orr from Independence, where the elderly tramp was arrested by city authorities for stealing a canvas tent fly from the barn of William McDonald. Justice of the Peace Holman heard the man's plea of guilty and bound the vagrant over to the grand jury, which will hear the case at the fall term of court.

Appeal To Be Heard By Judge Belt.

Because he believes the State Industrial Accident commission awarded him too small an allowance for an injury sustained in the persistence of his occupation a man will appeal the award before Judge H. H. Belt this morning at 10 o'clock. Attorney General George Brown will represent the commission. Papers in the case had not been filed in time for The Observer to learn the name of the ap-

pellant or his attorneys. Judge Belt believes the case to be the first of the kind on record since the 1913 statutes gave an injured employe the right to appeal the award of the commission.

PARTY RETURNS WITH DEER.

Five Dallas Men Get Limit on Umpqua River Headwaters.

After being out sixteen days Mark Ellis, Dave Grant, Hugh and Roy Black returned to Dallas yesterday with evidence of having killed fifteen fine bucks in the mountains above Oak creek. Fin Whitney got his limit of deer early in the game and returned to the city ahead of the others. The party followed the middle fork of the Willamette and crossed the Calapooia divide to the headwaters of the North Umpqua river, getting so far into the mountains that only the little spring streams tributary to the main river were found. The hunters left on August 10 and went by auto part way and by train to Oak creek, from where they packed into the mountains, about twenty-five miles. The weather was par excellent for hunting, they report, and the only storm occurred on Tuesday when, according to Hugh Black, hail stones as large as marbles pelted them while thunder raged for two hours. It paid them well to undertake so long a trip, say the hunters, for they found game in abundance. In all they sighted 51 deer on the trip and of these they killed most of the bucks. There were no other sportsmen in the mountains where the Dallas boys brought down the season's limit.

GEOLOGIC PERIODS.

Stories of Time Told by Fossilized Plants and Animals.

Scientists hesitate to estimate geological time in terms of years. Such estimates have, however, been made, and one published by Professor Charles Schuchert in 1910 states that about 12,000,000 years have elapsed since the close of the carboniferous age, an age, as the name suggests, in which great deposits of carbon, in coal, were being formed in many parts of the world. This age has been divided by geologists into the Mississippian, Pennsylvanian and Permian epochs, of which the Mississippian is the oldest and the Permian the youngest. The Pennsylvanian epoch alone is estimated by Schuchert to have covered 2,100,000 years, and animal life is supposed to have existed on the earth for over 14,000,000 years before that time.

Geologic periods are recognized primarily by the animals and plants that lived in them, so that the study of fossils plays a very real and important part in the progress of geologic knowledge. Rocks of carboniferous age, as shown by their fossils, have a wide distribution in the United States, and they are apt to abound in these remains of plant and animal life. The fossil shells which are found in them, however, may vary greatly from point to point, because the animals they represent lived in different periods of geologic time or in different regions in the carboniferous ocean.—Argonaut.

Languages.

The principal languages of the world are listed in order as follows: English, spoken by more than 150,000,000 people; German, more than 120,000,000; Russian, more than 90,000,000; French, more than 80,000,000; Spanish, more than 55,000,000; Italian, more than 30,000,000; and Portuguese, more than 20,000,000. These seven are the principal languages of Europe and America. There are said to be 3,424 spoken languages or dialects in the world—1,624 in America, 937 in Asia, 587 in Europe and 276 in Africa. Among other important languages are the Chinese, Japanese, Scandinavian branches, Slavonic speeches and dialects and the various languages of India, Persia, Arabia and modern Greece.

A Poor Present.

A wounded soldier explained his grievance to his nurse. "You see, old Smith was next me in the trenches. Now, the bullet that took me in the shoulder and laid me out went into 'im and made a bit of a flesh wound in his arm. Of course I'm glad he wasn't 'urt bad. But he's stuck to my bullet and given it his girl. Now, I don't think that's fair. I'd a right to it - I'd never give a girl o' mine a second 'and bullet."—Exchange.

New York City's Pensions.

New York city has eight pension funds. They are the public school-teachers' retirement fund, the police pension fund, the fire department relief fund, the department of health fund, the College of the City of New York fund, the supreme court appellate division fund, the street cleaning department fund and the city of New York employees' retirement fund.—New York Mail.

Diplomacy.

"Johnny," said the indignant parent, "why didn't you come home when I called you?" "I didn't hear you," replied truthful John. "Then why did you run away?" "Because I was afraid that I might hear you."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Family Joys.

"When you were courting me," said his wife, "you declared there wasn't another woman in the world like me." "Yes," replied her husband, "and I'm glad of it—for the sake of other men."

In common things the law of sacrifice takes the form of positive duty.—Prooide.

NEW PASTOR IS CHOSEN

REV. MR. M'CONNELL SUCCEEDS REV. CURTIS AT CHRISTIAN.

Themes for Discussion at the Several Places of Worship Next Sunday.—Religious News.

After having been without a resident pastor since the resignation of Rev. C. C. Curtis became effective, the Christian church has entered into a contract with Rev. McConnell of The Dalles to fill that pulpit for one year, beginning October 1. Rev. McConnell has been stationed at The Dalles during the past five years, and is said to be a man of exceptional ability. At present he is engaged in evangelistic work, and consequently the delay in his coming to Dallas. Some weeks ago the local church extended a call to Rev. McConnell, but because of some unaccountable delay in the mails he had made other arrangements before receiving the call. Later, however, he was again free from an engagement and the Dallas church then secured his services.

Mrs. Jennie C. Wheeler of The Dalles filled the pulpit at the Christian church last Sunday, and will preach there when called upon during the month of September. She is now residing in Monmouth temporarily.

Prof. D. M. Metzger will occupy the Methodist pulpit Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The pastor, George H. Bennett, will speak in the evening at eight o'clock on the subject, "Figs and Thistles."

Services at the Adventist church Friday and Sunday nights at 8 o'clock. Subject Friday night, "Importance of Obedience;" Sunday night, "Repentance and Conversion;" Saturday at 2 p. m.; Sabbath school at 3 p. m. Preaching service.

At the Baptist church next Sunday Rev. T. Tapscott will preach at 11 a. m. on "Elijah and the Secret of His Power," and in the evening at 8 p. m., "The Sinner a Fool."

Some notable improvement to the Advent church have recently been completed.

An Explanation.

Mr. Baldersee of Black Rock certainly misconstrued the meaning of my report in The Observer of my trip to his camps, which is certainly a matter for great regret with me. I can say without exaggerating the truth that myself and little party of visitors were never treated better than upon our visit to him, and that he did everything to make that trip pleasant and agreeable to us should go without the saying to all who know the gentleman. There was novelty in the trip on the locomotive, and this was what I undertook to illustrate in the newspaper interview, not for one moment intending to cast a single reflection upon the management of the railway equipment, as Mr. Baldersee, evidently seems to think. The trip was one of the most pleasurable that I have ever taken in these parts; the reception accorded us was cordial and of the most friendly character, and far be it from my thoughts to criticize Mr. Baldersee in any way, shape or form, and certainly regret that my statements were misconstrued by him. I hope and trust that this explanation will place me in the light of being grateful to the gentleman. E. V. DALTON.

Eugene Woman Missing.

Mrs. Olson attended the "Safety First" picnic in Salem Wednesday with a woman friend, from whom she became separated during the day, and has not since been seen, according to a report received yesterday. She is described as being 24 years old, 5 feet tall, and weighs about 115 pounds. When last seen she was wearing a black and white check coat and a white hat. Her father, N. W. Hutchins, lives six miles from McMinnville.

Runaway Last Friday.

Miss Iby Green and her brother were spilled out of a buggy last Friday while driving along the road south of town, near the creamery. Their horse was frightened by an automobile and after the occupants were thrown out ran down the road for some distance, where it was caught by a man whose name we failed to learn. The right front wheel was broken off the buggy but the young people escaped without injury.—Monmouth Herald.

Mrs. Gerlinger to Speak.

Mrs. George Gerlinger of Dallas, regent of the University of Oregon, has just returned from a month's trip in the east, where she visited various colleges, universities and institutions of learning, gaining new inspiration and ideas. Mrs. Gerlinger will be one of the principal speakers of the state convention of the Oregon Congress of Mothers, which will be held in Corvallis October 20-23. Mrs. Gerlinger is one of the most prominent clubwomen of the state and is socially popular in Oregon and California.—Oregonian.

Injured Near Buena Vista.

W. H. Roy, a well-known hop grower of Buena Vista, fell from the roof of his hop house on August 25th and threw his shoulder out of place. He also threw one finger out of place and sustained some bruises about his head. He is now resting easily and hopes to be out soon.

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DRIVING THE BALL.

Records Show That Golfers Can Outdo Baseball Sluggers.

On several occasions debaters imbued with the spirit of argument and research have taken up the question as to how much further a golf ball can be driven beyond a baseball wall-top.

There are at hand no official records of long flights in either game, measured to the ultimate inch and established as the last word in the case.

But there is this to go on—Fred Merkle and Hans Wagner started the populace on two occasions by driving a baseball over the left field fence in Pittsburgh. This fence is 400 feet from the home plate, and each drive landed at least forty feet beyond the fence, making a total carry of 440 feet.

Walter Johnson once smashed a drive over the score board in Cleveland, situated 400 feet from the plate. This smash also carried about 440 feet. So in the way of flight, not including roll, no ball player probably ever drove beyond 450 feet. No man has yet hit the center field fence at the Polo grounds, which is 480 feet from the plate.

A long driver in golf can frequently carry between 225 and 250 yards. And on one occasion Jesse Guilford, the far driving wonder from Intervale, christened the New Hampshire Siege Gun, smote a golf ball that flew 312 yards from the tee. This totals 936 feet, or about twice as far as any athlete has ever been able to hammer a baseball on its way. There have been golf smashes well above 1,000 feet, but these included the roll, which is too much a matter of baked out turf and wind to be used in any official way.—Grantland Rice in Collier's Weekly.

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