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County Fairs to be Bigger and Better Than Ever

DATES OF COUNTY FAIRS ARE GIVEN

Oregon Agricultural College to Stage Exhibit at Land Products Show

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 11.—Following a record-breaking harvest in practically every section of the state, Oregon will this fall witness a large number of the best fairs ever held in the Northwest. Twenty-five counties have announced the dates for their exhibition, Coos and Curry counties will join forces while ambitious Clackamas County will stage two fairs. Portland will hold its Manufacturers and Land Products Show in late October and early November, and this city will also be represented, through its commercial organizations or business houses, at every one of the county fairs. Subject to future possible change, following are the dates:

- Oregon State Fair, Salem, September 28 to October 3.
- Baker County, Baker, September 14-19.
- Benton County, Corvallis, September 17-19.
- Coos and Curry, Myrtle Point, September 23-26.
- Clatsop County, Gearhart, September 24-26.
- Crook County, Prineville, September 23-26.
- Clackamas County, Canby, September 16-19.
- East Clackamas, Estacada, September 8-9.
- Douglas County, Roseburg, September 16-19.
- Lane County, Eugene, September 22-25.
- Lincoln County, Toledo, September 22-25.
- Linn County, Scio, September 23-25.
- Multnomah County, Gresham, September 15-19.
- Morrow County, Heppner, September 17-19.
- Malheur County, Ontario, September 15-19.
- Polk County, Dallas, September 17-19.
- Sherman County, Moro, September 7-10.
- Gilliam County, Condon, October 1-3.
- Tillamook County, Tillamook, September 15-18.
- Wasco County, The Dalles, September 23-25.
- Washington County, Forest Grove, September 23-25.
- Wheeler County, Fossil, September 22-23.
- Union County, La Grande, September 22-24.
- Yamhill County, McMinnville, September 23-26.
- Klamath County, Klamath Falls, September 24-26.
- Umatilla County, Pendleton, September 21-26.

At the Land Products Show the Oregon Agricultural College will stage an exhibit showing the work of the various educational departments, also some of the products of the College and of the farm. This display will be

in charge of members of the faculty who will from time to time deliver illustrated lectures and informal talks for the benefit of the farmers. The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company will install and operate a miniature farm, using electricity as the sole motive power. This exhibit will be complete in every detail and will occupy about 600 square feet.

PEOPLE ARE MORE CAREFUL

Fact is Shown in Figures by S. P. Company in its Campaign for Accident Prevention

Pacific Coast pedestrians, automobile drivers and team drivers exercise more care this year in approaching railroad grade crossings than they did in 1913, though there is still plenty of room for improvement. The fact is shown in figures gathered by the Southern Pacific Company in connection with its campaign for the conservation of human life and the prevention of accident.

The company has made every effort to educate careless pedestrians and vehicle drivers as to the danger of approaching railroad tracks without first ascertaining the safety of crossing. In this connection, observation tests were made in widely separated localities in August, September and October, 1913. Of the 17,021 motor vehicles observed, the drivers of 11,836, or 69.1-2 percent, looked neither to the right nor to the left before crossing the tracks; 2.7 percent looked one way only; and but 27.8 percent looked in both directions. The astonishing number of 3,301, or 19.3 percent of the total number of drivers observed, ran over the crossings at a reckless rate of speed, and only 35 drivers stopped their machines before crossing the tracks to see that there was no train approaching.

Of the 4,889 drivers of teams, 39.4 percent looked in neither direction; 8.6 percent looked one way only; and 52 percent looked in both directions. Of 6,301 pedestrians, 3,082, or 49.1 percent, looked in both directions; 15 percent in one direction only; and 35.9 percent in both directions.

Of the total number of 28,211 drivers and pedestrians checked, 16,844, or 59.8 percent looked neither way before passing over the crossing; 6.3 percent looked one way; and only 33.8 percent looked in both directions.

To find out just what effect its first safety campaign is having, the Southern Pacific in June of this year made similar observations, at the same crossings where checks were made last year, and also at additional crossings. The comparative statement of the result of the two checks shows the following encouraging results:

Twenty-three percent more drivers of automobiles are looking in both directions before crossing railroad tracks than did last year, and twelve percent are now looking one way.

The number of drivers of teams looking both ways shows no improvement, both years being 52

GERMAN ARMY ADVANCING

Detached From Its Position Before Liege

MARCHING THROUGH HEART OF BELGIUM

Message Says Two German Infantry Regiments Annihilated at Mulhausen

Below we give some late news from the scenes of war, but the warring factions are not giving out much of importance lately:

Brussels, Aug. 11.—(Via London, 8:50 A. M.)—The Germans made a desperate attack on Fort Seraing, south of Liege, Sunday night, and were repulsed with heavy loss. It is estimated that 800 Germans were killed within an area of half a square mile.

A bridge which the Germans were crossing was shattered by the fire of the fort, which had an exact range.

The Germans attempted the assault with great courage. Some of their dead were found directly in front of the barbed wire fencing that surrounds the fort.

London, Aug. 11, 2:50 A. M.—According to the correspondent at Rome of the Morning Post, relations between Italy and Austria are becoming more strained.

Italy has already demanded explanation of the bombardment of the establishment of the Puglia Company, at Antivari, Montenegro, over which the Italian flag floats and in which there were Italians.

London, Aug. 11, 8:10 A. M.—The Daily Mail's advices from Basel, Switzerland, say the Swiss and German troops are close to the frontier and within a few yards of each other near Basel.

The Germans have built barricades across all the roads leading across the frontier.

Paris, Aug. 11.—Arrangements have been made to deposit \$100,000 in gold at Berne, Switzerland, and \$20,000 each in Vichy and Aix-les-Bains, for the benefit of Americans holding letters of credit or other bankable documents.

Shaanghai, China, Aug. 11.—The captain of a Japanese vessel which arrived here today reported that 45,000 Japanese soldiers had embarked on transports and were awaiting orders.

percent; but 6 percent more are looking one way than did last year. Pedestrians show an increase of 29 percent looking in both directions, but 5 percent less looked one way, indicating a new improvement of 24 percent.

Taking automobile and team drivers and pedestrians together, the improvement of 26 percent more looking both ways, and 6 percent looking one way is shown.

The Southern Pacific's chief suggestion to those crossing railroad tracks is to stop, look and listen before crossing. Were every one to heed this, company officials say, practically every crossing accident would be prevented.

He said he believed their destination was Tsing-Tau, the German possession in China.

A French cruiser was sighted today, accompanied by two German merchant vessels which she had captured as prizes of war.

London, Aug. 12, (9:30 A. M.)—The Russian commander of the fortress of Sveaborg, Finland, has ordered all the inhabitants of the place and Helsingfors to leave, as a battle or a bombardment is believed to be imminent.

Vienna (via London, Aug. 12, 2:25 P. M.)—An effective blockade of the Montenegrin coast has been established since yesterday by the Austro-Hungarian fleet, according to an official announcement here today.

Brussels, Aug. 12, (via London, 4:15 P. M.)—It was officially announced here today that the German retirement reported yesterday is becoming more marked. No other news from the front has been made public.

London, Aug. 12, (5:45 P. M.)—A Rome dispatch to the Central News says the Messaggero publishes a message from Basel, Switzerland, stating that two German infantry regiments were annihilated during the battle with the French troops at Mulhausen.

Another dispatch from Rome to the Central News says the Corriere d'Italia publishes a telegram from the frontier stating that an Austrian cavalry brigade has been exterminated on the Austro-Russian frontier.

Brussels, Aug. 12, (via London Aug. 12.)—The German army is being detached from its position before Liege and is advancing through the heart of Belgium. The main body of the German cavalry is engaged in a forward movement all along the front of the allied armies.

A German aeroplane flew over Brussels today at a height of 2000 feet. Civic guards fired several shots at the airship, but they fell short.

There is no fear regarding the food supply of Belgium.

An earlier dispatch from Brussels said that German troops had seized the station at Landen, a short distance west of Liege, and, after driving out the railway employees, burned the building.

London, Aug. 12.—The first really great battle of the present war is believed to be in progress. The battlefield from all accounts covered most of Eastern Belgium, an area of about 60 by 100 miles.

Three German army corps, under General Von Emmich, continued the siege of Liege. Another German army corps, crossed the River Meuse near Tongres and was advancing on Waterloo and Brussels. A third strong German force was operating in southern Belgium and Luxembourg. Military men believed the German plan was to catch the Belgian, French and British allies between the northern and southern columns and crush them.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 12.—The admiralty issued a statement declaring the Russian fleet has dominated the Baltic sea. It is

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Repair Work Going on in All The Buildings

CONTRACT LET MONDAY FOR NEW WALKS

President Thanks Householders of Monmouth for Promptness in Listing Rooms

The Normal seems quiet since the faculty and student-body have left for their vacation.

President Ackerman is busy supervising the repair work in all the Normal buildings. Plumbers, carpenters and painters are thoroughly renovating the girls' dormitory and making needed repairs in the main building of the Normal.

Contract was let Monday to David Korb for building new walks from the main building to the gymnasium.

Misses Butler, West and Dunsmore, accompanied by Messrs. Macy and Morlan, started last Monday morning on an auto trip to Crater Lake. Before leaving they were careful to arrange with the President for suitable weather during the trip.

President and Mrs. Ackerman made an auto trip to Portland Tuesday and returned Thursday. They report a most enjoyable trip.

Through these columns the President wishes to thank the householders of Monmouth for their promptness in listing their rooms. However, there are some who have not listed their rooms but it is hoped that they will do so by the last of the week since the list will be made up at that time.

Caught Some Big Fish

Allen Johnson, P. J. Mulkey, Ed Rodgers, U. G. Heffley and Jacob Smith with their families and friends and autoes constituted an excursion party to the Tillamook, Barview and Roekaway beaches Saturday returning Monday and Tuesday. A most excellent time is reported and some big fish tales came to light. Allen Johnson appears to have caught the largest one, a 32 pounder, which he caught by hand, and others caught fish of various sizes, which when questioned closely turned out to have been drawn in first with a seine after which there was little trouble in making the catch.

FOR SALE

A second hand rubber-tired buggy in good condition. Price is right. Also a farm in Colorado. Enquire of George McClellan, Monmouth, Oregon.

Mill at Carlton Burning

Yesterday's Oregonian gave out that the large sawmill at Carlton was burning as the Oregonian went to press. The mill cost \$500,000 and will prove a great loss to the city. There were about 20,000,000 feet of lumber threatened also.

stated the czar's warships have captured twenty five German merchants' vessels there.