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FAIR GROUNDS

PURCHASE BLOCKED

1916 County Fair

Should Be Agitated Now

The "legal knockout" given to the charter of the Clackamas County Fair Association last week by Governor Withycombe, owing to the association not having complied with the requirements governing such corporations, has automatically acted as a temporary "legal knock out" of the contemplated purchase of the Canby Fair Grounds by the county court.

Even if the county court desired to buy the grounds now for the sum of \$7,950.00, it could not obtain a clear title, if any title at all to the property, as owing to the present condition of the association, it cannot give said title.

In the mean time, we are advised that the creditors want their money and may take over the grounds as security.

County Judge Anderson, is quoted in the Morning Enterprise as having said "I would be in favor of putting it on the ballot" in referring to purchase of the Canby grounds. The court apparently realize the reasonableness of the request of the Eastern Clackamas Taxpayers' League, which asked the court to first ascertain the sentiment of the voters of the county.

January is pretty nearly over now and if a successful county fair is to be staged this fall, now is the time to get busy and formulate the preliminary plans.

Now is a good time to consider the renting or purchase of a centrally located fair grounds, of easy access by railway or automobile, and on a good road from Portland, as much good will result from drawing a big attendance from that city.

The East Clackamas County Fair board is already planning for their 1916 show and if something could be done now, it is likely the East Clackamas County Fair could be absorbed into a county fair, to be held at a centralized place.

Dish Drawing Postponed

The Wm. Dale Co., which has been awarding a set of dishes each Wednesday, as a trade stimulator, announce that owing to their interest in the voting contest now being started, they will postpone the awarding of further sets of dishes, until about September 1st. Parties are requested to hold such tickets as they may have on hand, until then.

Pavilion Rental Lowered

There are a few matters pertaining to the public welfare of this community that the Progress has been trying to effect, among them being one of minor importance, namely the obtaining from the P. R. L. & P. Co., of a lower rental for the Estacada Park Pavilion, than the \$10. per night, which has always been paid.

Inasmuch as the majority of dances or other attraction given in the pavilion are directly or indirectly for public benefactions, such as the C. I. C. work and the Firemen's Assn., a lowering of the rental was desirable, as the profits from the majority of entertainments are small.

The Progress also knew that the railway company was not aiming to make money from this rental and in many instances had refunded the rental money to help out, where a profit was missing.

Through the efforts of Mr. R. M. Townsend of the company, hereafter a flat rental of \$6. per night has been arranged, although this will not affect the present arrangement which the Estacada school has, for basketball games and practise.

Annual Bank Meeting

The annual stockholders meeting of the Estacada State Bank was held at the bank last Friday and also the first quarterly meeting of the board of directors.

Those present were Leroy B. Walker, L. A. and F. F. Brandes of Portland; Thos Yocum and Irwin D. Wright of Estacada.

After making a thorough inspection of the past years business, the stockholders were well satisfied with the steady growth of the business.

Bank Examiners, Tracy and Slade, were at the bank Monday, conducting their regular examination.

Saturday Night Show

Starts Early

So as not to interfere with the C. I. C. play, which starts at 8:30 next Saturday night, Mgr. Sparks announces that the picture show at the Family Theatre will begin at 7 o'clock sharp, allowing plenty of time for all patrons to attend both performances.

The attendance at the Wednesday night shows is increasing, as more people are each week realizing the enjoyment to be obtained from witnessing the Kleine Edison, masterpieces.

Next Wednesday night, will be shown the Kleine-Edison, 5 part play, entitled "The Sentimental Lady."

Sandy Fighting for Road

The Sandy Commercial Club and residents of that district held a meeting last Saturday, to ask for state aid in having the proposed Mt Hood Road pass thru Sandy.

Many farmers and some of the road districts have offered to build sections of the road in their districts, by special tax, volunteer work and cash donations.

Eastern Clackamas wants to see Sandy get this road and the Taxpayers' League should join with them, if the added support and prestige is needed.

Teachers' Institute

The local teachers' institute for Clackamas County will meet Saturday, January 29th at the Estacada school, beginning at 9 o'clock. The following program will be followed:—

9:30 Playground Supervision

Mrs. S. Barnum

10:15 Teaching of Geography

Lena Ulen

11:00 Has Standardization

Paid ? Lettie Osborn

1:30 Piano Solo Ruth Welch

Song Lena Ulen

2:00 How to Select Library

Books. Clara Landon

Signed J. E. Calavan

County School Supt.

Christian Church Services

The Special Rally at the Estacada Christian Church has started out well and all are enjoying Elder Swander's sermons.

His subjects for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings were, The New Testament Church and The Ideal Church. He will preach Thursday and Friday evenings on An Efficient Church and The Apostolic Church.

On account of other attractions, there will be no meeting on next Saturday evening.

The services next Sunday, both morning and evening, will be special occasions and Pastor Jones extends a cordial invitation for all to be present.

Local Man Buying Cattle

Jack Saunders of Currinsville is acting as the local agent for M. J. Kerkes of Montavilla, buyer of beef cattle and sheep.

The two of them last week bought a dozen or more head of cattle, which were taken to the Portland market. They are not only buying well fatted beef stock, but are in the market for the so-called "feeders".

This opportunity to dispose of the 'feeders' should be welcomed by many farmers in this vicinity.

COMMUNITY CHURCH FAVORED

Sentiment Increasing

In Favor Of United Worship

During the past week, possibly owing to a campaign now going on in Estacada and nearby sections by both the Christian and Methodist Churches of Estacada, to raise funds for the coming year, much favorable comment has been expressed on the subject of the uniting of the local churches and the forming of a community church.

Many of the leaders in both of these churches have expressed themselves as being in favor of such a combination. Probably the prime factor in bringing about this feeling, is the ever present struggle to make both ends meet financially, besides the broader reason of the great power for good that such a united church would be.

Such well known church workers, as Messrs. Wm. Dale, Walter Givens, Pastor Jones, A. Demoy, W. H. Holder and others have suggested that the Progress call a meeting of all parties interested, to confer on the matter further.

The Progress would like nothing better than to be instrumental in bringing together such a gathering, but before doing so, would like to hear from others in this community on this subject; including such leaders as A. O. Whitcomb, Ed Shearer, W. W. Dillon, Mrs. A. W. Botkin, Mrs. H. D. Trapp, L. Hale and others from the Garfield, Zion and Currinsville churches.

The Progress would like to print short letters from all of these people and such others as are willing to express their ideas on the subject of a community church.

It is not likely that any arguments can be given against such a combination of forces, providing the true spirit of Christianity is practiced and the ultimate welfare and usefulness of the church is considered.

The ideal community church would include the unison of all of the nearby churches and faiths, although to date only the leaders of two denominations have expressed a desire for such cooperation.