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With only a few days having elapsed, since an amicable agreement was entered into between the County Court and the County Fair Association, whereby Clackamas County buys the Canby Fair Grounds and leases them to the County Fair Association, for 6% per year — already, trouble has started, over the question of which party, the owner or lessee, shall spend \$100. per year or more, in the repair and upkeep of the buildings. It is barely possible, all will not be as smooth sailing in the county's administration of these grounds as had been expected.

Since the purchase has been consummated, we learn that the nominal purchase price of \$7950, did not cover all the expense, as the county had about \$2000. due it from the association, which collectively means the grounds cost within \$50. of the \$10,000.00 mark.

There is one bright outlook, and that is, that the Court is not considering allowing the Fair Association to use the grounds longer than for the coming season, with the hopes of ultimately switching the annual county fair, to Gladstone or some more centrally located spot and when that time comes it is a safe assertion that the East Clackamas County Fair will gladly dissolve its identity and join in making a centralized fair a success.

Clackamas County made a wise move a couple of weeks ago, when it joined with Marion, Lane, Linn, Polk, Washington, Yamhill and Benton counties, in the formation at Albany of the Willamette Valley Development Association.

A temporary organization was formed, with Clackamas County represented by Commissioner Knight of Canby; Thos. A. Burke and C. E. Spence of Oregon City. These representatives were appointed by the County Court and while this part of the county should have been represented, it is hoped that later on it will be.

The Estacada contractors, who are building the cement walks on Broadway, do not agree with Longfellow and doubt if he ever laid cement walks, with dogs run-

ning wild, when he penned the verse:—

"Lives of great men, all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us,
Footprints on the sands of time."

Oregon City can justly advertise the fact that it expects to have over \$1,250,000. worth of construction work done within the next twelve months, besides a \$500. livestock shipping facility; and whether or not a realization of their predictions is forth coming or not, the city is getting some good publicity.

While Estacada cant crow about coming improvements, running up into the million dollar class, it can go on record as having, so far this year, had more concrete walks built, than ever before in its history and cement improvements are permanent.

Again, work has already begun on one fine residence in Terrace Addition, with several more homes being planned, besides a couple of the Broadway property owners are considering the construction of cement business blocks, to replace the present frame structures.

And last, but not least, Estacada is going to have Public Hitching Sheds built, plans and specifications of which are now in the hands of the architects and contractors, awaiting an amicable settlement of the volunteer labor conditions.

Mystery still surrounds the "Wild Man of Kelso", who was gathered up in the nude, a short time ago, by Sheriff Wilson and Deputy Frost. Said "he nymph", having sojourned for sixty days in the tall timber between Kelso and Boring and found to be stark crazy.

Just as a surmise, which may help solve the mystery, it is barely possible, the poor fellow had just paid his current taxes and his bare hide was all he had remaining and the insanity may have developed, following an attempt to thread his way up the famous Boring Hill Road.

The present invasion of political candidates from the lower end of the county, will have one beneficial result, as it will help disseminate more information about the wonderful resources of this part of the county, among the folks back home; many of whom imagine that the residents of Eastern Clackamas are hunters, trappers and near neighbors of the Indians and that the present civilization in this county is confined to a narrow stretch along the S. P. railroad tracks.

As an incentive to the Clackamas County land owner to clear more land, a law should be passed, which will exempt for a term

of years, all new land, which shall have been cleared and put under cultivation within a given length of time.

It hardly seems fair, after a farmer has gone to the big expense of clearing land, that he should be saddled with an increased assessment, when he really is entitled to some kind of a reward.

An efficiency expert, who recently completed an audit of the various county offices, suggests that Clackamas County should create another political job, namely a man, whose duties shall consist of a combination of auditor, efficiency expert and county purchasing agent.

It would be a wise move not to agitate any additional county expenditures for a while, or until the average farmer has succeeded in scraping together enough to pay his, now almost due, taxes.

As to county auditing — this work should be done by expert auditors, not residents of Clackamas County and they should be paid the regular price for such work, as cheap white-wash of the county's books, is merely wasted money and never will unearth any errors or discrepancies, if they should exist.

Hands Off

The Fire Apparatus

President E. B. Byers and Fire Chief Fred Jorg of the Estacada Volunteer Fire Department, wish to herewith call the attention of the public to the fact that all apparatus, tools and other property, in the Estacada fire department's building, is the private property of that organization.

Notice is hereby given, that any person or persons, who shall molest, tamper with or borrow any of said property, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Oregon City Candidate Visits Estacada

C. I. Stafford of Oregon City, who is a candidate for the Republican nomination for County Assessor, visited Estacada and vicinity last Saturday, in the interests of his candidacy.

Mr. Stafford is one of the county seat merchants, being in the dry goods business. Having previously been connected with railroad and lumber work in the accounting and auditing departments, he naturally feels that his experience in this class of work, qualifies him for the office of assessor, with its mass of figures to be correctly and expertly handled.

An enjoyable high school dance was held at the I. O. O. F. Hall in Estacada, last Friday evening.

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Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many
friends for the kindnesses and
sympathy extended to us in the
recent illness and death of our
baby boy. Signed
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kitching.