

There are other questions which need answers in their time. As we understand the first time the Washington County delegates or any member thereof knew that a nomination for joint senator had been made, was when the announcement of that nomination was made from the platform of the state convention. If we of Washington County thought that Hodson had anything to do with this matter or that the better element of Multnomah or even that the entire Multnomah delegation knew of this underhanded, uncalled for trick, then something would drop before the senatorial office would fall to Hodson. However we feel that Hodson is too much of a gentleman to allow such methods used were he aware of their existence and we deem an explanation at the hands of those at fault is in order at this time.

**A Plea to the Farmers of Washington County in Behalf of the State Fair and Lewis & Clark Exposition**

The undersigned, having been appointed by the county court of this county and also by the Board of Directors of the State Agricultural Association to take charge of the county's exhibit for the state fair to be held at Salem this fall, and also at the Lewis & Clark Centennial Exposition for 1905, wishes to call the attention of the farmers and others interested in this work.

The great importance of this year's county exhibit is quite apparent when we realize that the products for the Lewis & Clark Exposition must be produced this year.

The work of raising and procuring the county's state exhibit in past years have heretofore fallen very heavily upon the few and faithful farmers who have always been alive to the interest and welfare of Washington county; we do not believe, however, that the apparent lack of interest in such public matters can be attributed to willful negligence, for the farmers of Washington county are as progressive and wide awake as the farming communities of any section of the state, but because their attention has not been solicited and directed to this matter, and the more unfortunate fact that the attention for this work becomes necessary when the work of the farm is most urgent and pushing.

There is no doubt that Washington county has risen to its present eminent agricultural standing in this state through its many excellent exhibits at the state fair, and this in the face of the fact that other counties have put forth far greater efforts and exertions toward their county exhibits. However, it is my intention this year, through the co-operation of the farmers to show the people of the state through the medium of the state fair at Salem this fall, and the nation at large through that of the Lewis & Clark Centennial in 1905, "who we

are, where we are and what we are" and each and every farmer we believe will do his ample share necessary to bring about this result.

Every farmer has contributed his quota to the finances of the Centennial Exposition through the state appropriation and the consequent increased levy of the state tax, and the nation at large has responded magnificently to the call of our able representatives for national recognition and aid; and now the greatest opportunity for mutual benefits to be derived therefrom presents itself to us, while every effort put forth by our county will be repaid ten fold.

Hundreds of thousands of people will gaze with awe and admiration at the products of our county, and how much greater will be their surprise when informed that the same were grown within 20 miles of the Metropolis, and, being so near, surely a large portion will visit and behold "The Beautiful Tualatin Plains" and it is needless to say that a great many will remain with us to inter-mingle their capital and enterprise.

Every individual in Washington county owning farm lands should have something to offer to the exhibit, it may be ever so little, but something should be found among the County's Collection from his farm, for we do not believe there is a farm in this county that has not merit enough in it to grow some agricultural product that would be of interest to our eastern visitor, and it would be difficult to imagine a farmer who has not sufficient pride in his work or farm to delight in seeing something among the county's collection of exhibits that has grown by his skill or on his farm. There is some small spot on every farm known to its owner and noted for its fertility, and this year, under such pressing need for excellent exhibition products, why not utilize such spots? For it is the desire and earnest request that everyone do something, you may have a new variety of grain, grass or vegetable, or some fine looking fruit, or a good growth of grain or any product; it is at least within the power of everyone to cultivate and have something to offer; where is the farmer who will not be benefited and delighted to see the skill of his work and fertility of his farm gazed upon by the hundreds of thousands of people destined to behold it.

In view of the great advertising source of the coming Exposition great care will be exercised in plainly and properly labeling all products together with the name of the grower and his address.

In conclusion, let me again urge that we all become more interested in this important matter and cooperate with each other in doing the best possible for our grand county and thus giving to it its just deserts.

W. J. WALL,  
Hillsboro, Oregon.

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