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We are told that the split log has been in evidence on our streets this week. We have not seen it, but trust it is doing good work. Take a look at the Gales Creek road and see what it has done there. It will convince you that it is all right.

The hitching rack on the west side of the church lot is in a sorry condition and it should be the business of some one to see that it is properly repaired at once. In fact it should be built the entire distance. Merchants, why don't you speak up? It is for your benefit as much if not more than the farmer. If you expect the farmers to come to town and buy your wares, a place must be provided for them to hitch their teams to while buying your goods.

If the amount of plowing and sowing is an indication of next year's crop this county will certainly have a bumper yield. It is safe to say that more fields have been plowed and more grain planted this fall than there has been this early in the season for a number of years. It is the exception to see a field that has not been turned over by the plow. The fall has been specially propitious for the farmer and it is to be trusted that he will have the largest crop next year ever grown in this county.

We have been looking and listening for some appearance of, or some voice from, the Civic Improvement Society that would suggest the cleaning up of the leaves and trash around the city streets, the leaves in particular. Now that the leaves have all fallen off they should be cleaned off of the walks and out of the lawns and public places. Our own personal pride in the looks of our property should dictate that to us and our civic pride should prompt us to have the park cleaned up. You know that we make our boast of having the prettiest city in the state but will not be believed if we do not keep our park and our lawns and streets free from leaves and trash.

We don't know who he is, but the man having charge of what we know as the Gales Creek road is to be commended for his good work in putting that highway in such good condition. It is without doubt the best road in this end of the county and perhaps in the entire county. It has a good coat of gravel almost the entire distance and it is safe to say that within a year or two that thoroughfare will be good the entire year. In addition to having it graveled all the brush and trees that have shaded the road have been cut down almost the entire distance. It strikes me that it is one of the most sensible things we have seen for the betterment of the county roads. We are informed that this road was once the worst in the county. It is now the best. It is simply another illustration of what can be done by intelligent and persistent work.

The Thanksgiving issue of the Pacific Northwest contains an illustrated and descriptive article on Washington County. The cuts are well printed and clear and illustrate scenes in Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Cornelius, Gaston, Scholls, and North Plains. Our town is represented by a splendid lot of halftones, showing the University buildings, the Laughlin Hotel, the Condé and various street scenes.

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## President Reports

To the People of Washington County:— Now that the Lewis and Clark Exposition is ended, I have been requested to make a statement concerning the work of the Woman's Lewis and Clark county club of Washington county, and its connection with the county exhibit.

It may be there are some who do not know, and who would be interested in knowing, why the Lewis and Clark county club undertook the work of making an exhibit at the fair, the method pursued, as well as some of its results.

More than a year before the opening of the fair some of our women, organized into several groups in different sections of the county for the purpose of furthering the interests of their community and the exposition as well. For its better accomplishment these clubs finally formed a federation called the "Lewis and Clark County Club." It had no specific purpose further than to render aid in any way that seemed feasible to the enterprise that meant so much to our North Pacific coast.

When the state commission sent out a request to all of the counties to co operate in making an exhibit worthy of our great state, our county was, of course, included. Not hearing favorably from the county commissioners, the state commission proposed that our ladies take hold of the matter. After consulting with the county officials, and finding them willing, it was finally agreed that the Washington County Exhibit should be made by the Lewis and Clark County Club, the court voting to allow \$500, and the state \$500, for installing and sustaining such exhibit.

The work was new to most of us and the difficulties many, but with much hard work and perseverance an exhibit was gathered.

To say that in the beginning the county was unprepared to make a good exhibit, is to say what every one knows. Nothing had been saved from other fairs; apples had not been put in cold storage; the grains and grasses had been sold, and consequently, these things were not to be had. We could only wait for another crop, and make the best display possible with the materials on hand. We knew it was not what we would like, but not the least discouraging thing to meet were the criticisms heard at home.

"Why does not Washington county have as good a display as Marion or Wasco when it is a better county?" we were asked. The reason was that these counties had made some preparation the year before, and they also had three or four times the amount of money at their disposal. Wasco county, however, if you will recall, had little in its exhibit aside from the wool and apples that showed to such advantage, while our county had much diversity of products.

As the season advanced our booth became filled with the best the county produced, and in addition to the fine wool exhibit, condensed milk from two factories, tile, canned fruits, wine, jelly and nuts, was added grain, grapes, plums, pears, apples, grapes, vegetables of every variety, honey, hops, etc., and soon our exhibit had become one of the most attractive in the building. Many people praised it and spoke especially of the center pyramid of grain.

When the gold and silver and bronze medals and "honorable mentions" began to pour in upon us then the pride and pleasure of our citizens was manifest.

The total number of medals awarded us exceed that of any other county, being about 150. The damper came when we failed to be placed in the first or second class of competitors for the prizes offered by the state commissioners; of course we felt that the jury of awards had made a mistake and they were asked to review their markings which they did and raised as a little higher, but there were reasons why we did not attain the highest class: First, because we had not kept up a uniformly good exhibit during the fair; second because we had not always entered a sufficient quantity of each product; and third, because our industries were not all represented. Our lumber, dairy, and basket weaving industries were lacking, because we could not induce the proprietors to make an exhibit. The judges also took into account our proximity to Portland and expected more of us on that account.

Pardon me, when I say that the failure to meet these conditions was not the fault of the women, or the committees in charge of the work, but was largely due to the indifference or actual hostility of the residents of the county.

While one man was hired to gather the grain and other produce, a great deal of this work was done by committees of women who spent time and gave labor gratuitously, traveling many miles to get fine fruits and vegetables. To be met sometimes with a refusal to either give or sell to them, the parties saying it did not interest them, nor would the fair help them in any way.

Some of our most worthy citizens have since acknowledged that the exposition was more than half over, before they began to see that any benefit would be derived from it for this vicinity, but when eastern visitors came flocking in to buy homes in our towns or farms on our hillside and valleys, they changed their views.

When the time came to dispose of the exhibit, the county court appointed Mr. Stratton then in charge of the booth, and myself to make such disposition of it as seemed feasible to us. Such exhibits as had been contributed by private individuals were returned to them, a large quantity of processed fruit and some nuts were loaned to the Chamber of Commerce in Portland toward a permanent exhibit, which they were collecting from all sections of the state.

Some things were sold and quite an amount of flour, condensed milk and fruit was given to charitable societies of Portland.

The plates on which fruits and vegetables were placed for exhibit were distributed as souvenirs to the ladies of the various clubs of the county.

The expenditures were kept within the limit allowed, but there was not much margin. The \$500 granted by the state commission was used in payment for the booth, tables, pyramid, cases, etc. The \$1500 appropriated by the county was used to pay for some fruits and grains that were bought; for salary of man who gathered part of the exhibit and of the men who were in charge of booth; expressage on products sent in, and for expenses of some few of the women who went down from time to time to help arrange the exhibit. The ladies who served as hostesses did so without pay; not even receiving railroad fare from the county.

It is true, doubtless, that the women to whom this work was intrusted made mistakes, but it is also true that through their earnest, self-sacrificing spirit the Washington county exhibit was made one of the most attractive in the Agricultural building, and without whom, perhaps, there would have been no exhibit at all. They have accepted their portion of criticism; now give them, we beg you, that approval which is their due.

In closing, I desire to extend my sincere thanks to the many cheerful workers in the various clubs who have done so much to aid and encourage the executive officers in gathering and installing our exhibit; also to all the people of county who gave the finest products of their gardens, orchards and fields to make an exhibit that won the admiration of all beholders and brought many visitors to Washington county.

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