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Shall We Maintain Our Reputation?

The first week in Sept will soon be here and this question will be or rather ought to be before us now. Shall we maintain our reputation? Our little city has always been known throughout Oregon and the Northwest for its hospitality and for its novel way of "doing things." The time is here to prepare for the visitors who will be with us to attend the Willamette Valley Development League which is slated for this place the first week of September. Perhaps all remember the meeting of that body of business men at North Bend, Coos Bay last May, and the royal entertainment given to all who attended. North Bend really outdid itself, planned for this convention for months ahead, issuing attractive invitations to all business men and on their arrival showed them what the South coast country could do. It is up to us now. Let everyone do all he can to prepare our city for its guests, beautify it in every way possible. The old saying "Start right at home" will fall upon all. Beautify your homes, lawns and the street in front of your residence. Let the town appear at its best. Business men and visitors will flock to this place from all parts of the Willamette Valley and this visit of business men will be the greatest advertisement our city has ever received. We have made for our city a good reputation. Shall we continue to improve it?

The Value of a State Fair Exhibit.

Will Washington county be represented at the state fair? That is the question which should receive an answer from county officials. The state fair is becoming each year more and more what its originators had intended it should be, a STATE fair not a Salem or a Marion county fair, but a fair where the products of the farm and of the orchards could be exhibited and where the farmers and horticulturists could exchange ideas as to methods productive of the best results. The state fair is preeminently an educational institution which is of inestimable value to the stockmen and farmers. Washington county is a great agricultural county.

It is in the vanguard of the great dairy counties and keeps company with Tillamook and Coos. Here in our midst is one of the largest condensed milk factories in the Pacific Northwest. Why not advertise our resources to the world? We realize that it is difficult to measure fully the direct benefits which will come to this county through an exhibition at the state fair but we are of the opinion that Washington will be the winner in the long run if it makes a worthy exhibit of its resources. Five counties have already arranged for space in the exhibit pavilion—Jackson, Marion, Linn, Lane, Columbia and Benton—and several counties are now in correspondence with the state fair board.

This year promises to be a banner one in the history of the state board of agriculture, under whose auspices the fair will be held. The state has appropriated \$15,000 for the improvement of the grounds and this has been used to such good advantage that the grounds have been renovated throughout. New stalls have been provided and the camping privileges will be better than ever before. Frank Lee, one of the commissioners, predicts that there will be at least 2,500 campers on the grounds for the week. Ten thousand dollars will be given away in premiums. For the county

prizes, of which the first is \$300, nine counties are expected to compete. Among the best exhibits will be that of the poultry. One of the leading attractions will be the horse races which will take place every day. There are now about 100 horses training at the track, many of them from other parts of the country, especially California. The prizes for the horse races will not be taken out of the general premium fund, but will come from the entrance fees.

Causes Trouble to Farmers.

The shortage of the grain bags is now causing a serious problem to the farmers. Sacks are selling at 9 1/2 cents each and as the millmen are not providing the sacks this season, it is working a hardship on the farmers and may cause some trouble although it will not seriously interfere with the handling of the crop. The price of wheat will naturally be higher this year as it will cost them more to sack their wheat, the price of sacks being 1 1/2 cents higher than a year ago. On an estimate of the 44,000,000 sacks to be used in the Pacific Northwest, this means that the wheat growers will have to pay the bag manufacturers \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 more than they did a year ago. This shortage of sacks is due to the increase of the Calcutta market on raw material and the disaster of San Francisco where over 3,000,000 bags were destroyed.

May Cause Spreading of Fire.

Some of our property owners have cut the dead weeds and grass in the streets about their homes, and others are now doing so. Why not all do the same thing, especially at this time of the year when the grass is so dry and parched. Fire could very easily be started by some accident, but this is not the only fear. Mountain fires, burning of slashings round about here in previous years have deposited ashes and burning cinders that have caused the starting of fires. To cut the weeds will eliminate the danger of fire and will aid to bring about the scheme of beautifying the city as planned by the Civic Improvement Society.

Washington County will have a fine crop of fruit this year—the prune crop will be large, there will be a large quantity of pears and apples. This large crop of course is due to the good work done in the orchards last spring, in cleaning out, careful pruning of the young trees as well as the old ones and the use of the spray pump.

Horses from Oregon and Washington are being taken to the Hawaiian islands where they will be used as draft animals. Twenty-five of these noble dumb creatures are to be shipped from Portland to that port of the mid-Pacific in a few days. First-class horses are always in demand and the farmer should be among the breeders of such animals and thereby share some of the trade.

The fruit growers of Oregon will be glad to learn of the establishment of a new fruit paper—"Better Fruit"—to be published at Hood River. It will be worth a great deal to the fruit growers, give them new ideas as to the care of orchards, packing and shipping of fruit and will no doubt help Oregon to further develop as a great fruit state.

A move is on foot in Portland to enforce the laws pertaining to the selling of cheap, trashy reading matter—ten cent novels, etc. This move came as the result of the killing of an old war veteran near Cottage Grove. All Oregon ought to be stirred up and those cheap, trashy novels boosted out of sight.

Ringling Brothers the famous circus men are looking up a location in Oregon for a pheasant farm. These circus men wish to provide their great aviary—one of the best features of their show—with Chinese pheasant and may start a farm in our state for the raising of those fine birds.

The State Press Association will hold its annual meeting at Newport, September 22-24. The editors will then have a chance to take a vacation and will feel as proud as other business men who have had their vacation.

AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS

GASTON

Henry Scott of Scoggin Valley shipped a small black bear to Portland, Monday, by express. Henry seems to be killing his share of bruins this summer.

Misses Edna and Mamie Hibbs left Tuesday morning for Newport, for a month's vacation.

James Lee of Pattons Valley, unloaded a very large Buffalo Pitts engine and took it home; he will make his separator hum now.

Babe Wescott is getting around again after a six week's fight with the typhoid fever.

B. C. Dennis had a sick binder Friday afternoon but sent to Portland for the proper medicine and had his machine running again, Sunday.

Welmer Hamrick is clerking for J. H. Wescott while Charley is taking a trip to Southern Oregon, for his health.

Hal Hib's left Thursday morning for Newport, where he will join his mother and sisters at their cottage on Nye Creek.

Mrs. Dailey of Portland, arrived Friday evening, and is a guest at the Hotel Gaston.

Mrs. W. E. Ralston, proprietor of Hotel Gaston, and her son Willie, left Thursday for Newport to enjoy a month of much needed rest.

S. P. Child has charge of Mr. Brown's meat market while Mr. and Mrs. Brown are rustivating at Newport.

J. D. Hibbs, our general merchant, returned from Newport, Monday, where he has been rustivating for a month.

Mabel Matteson, daughter of R. Matteson, of Scoggins Valley, left for Newport, Monday for a few days.

CORNELIUS

Mr. White and family went to Newport, Saturday, returning Monday.

Mr. Richie, who has been very sick with typhoid is much improved.

Mr. Foster, who has been ill for some time, has been in Portland, for several days trying the Christian Science treatment.

Mr. Willie Tibbitts, who has been in the Klondyke for some time was in Seattle when last heard from.

Ernest Reynolds has been visiting friends in Cornelius.

Mrs. Haycock and her daughter, Mrs. Williams of Eugene, spent Wednesday and Thursday at Gales Creek.

The Epworth League of this place will give an ice cream social Saturday evening.

Mrs. Hart visited in Forest Grove, Monday.

GALES CREEK

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Short visited a few days with Carl Iler and family in Timber.

Mat Hines and family visited in Gaston, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Penny of St. Johns, came up yesterday to attend the wedding of their son Elmer and Miss Ivy McCoy.

"Doc" Wagner's house was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday, only a few of the contents were saved.

Mr. Heisler was in Forest Grove, Tuesday, for some repairs for his threshing machine.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robinson and friends, who have been camped above the Soda Springs, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee started for the seashore, Tuesday.

Miss Cordie Seaman has been spending a couple of weeks with Mrs. Frank Allen, who has been quite sick, though now much improved.

M. C. Steeples of Hoquiam, Wash., nephew of Mr. Lafferty, is at his bedside. Mr. Lafferty is still very sick.

Grandma Wilson came out from Portland, yesterday.

Mrs. Crowther is still in a serious condition of health, with no improvement.

Miss Evelyn Wing returned Wednesday from Forest Grove.

A party consisting of Misses Alice Bateman, Edith Smith, Mrs. J. James, Wallace Smith and Tom Varley, started for Tillamook and Netarts, yesterday. Miss Effie Penny was a guest at the wedding of her brother Elmer and Miss McCoy.

BANKS

Mr. Atley's new grocery store is just about completed.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis has just returned from Portland. John Friday and family, Otto Galloway and Dette Friday are on their way to the coast.

Mrs. Willis visited in Portland, this week.

Bears are quite numerous in this part of the county, there have been several killed in the last two weeks.

Mr. Schulmerich has just completed his new ware house.

The balers are working for Mr. Carstens, today.

Mrs. Willis and Miss Atley took a drive to Buxton, Sunday.

Mrs. Purdin and daughter returned to Hillsboro today after a few days' visit with her sister.

Orville Prickett returned Sunday, from a visit with his sister, Mrs. Thurston, of Beaverton.

NEWPORT, ORE.

The largest crowd of the season came Saturday and Sunday. 300 coming Saturday and 450 Sunday. It rained Sunday making it very disagreeable for the sight-seers.

Among the arrivals this week were: Harry Goff, Alice Cronin, Kate Smeltzer, Chas. Roe, Mrs. J. Thornburg and Mr. and Mrs. Whitney.

Miss Lorena Gleason of Goldendale, formerly of the Grove, is spending her vacation here.

Holy-Roller camp is about to be abandoned by chief Roller Baldwin and his apostles Christian and Todd, who are to leave for Forest Grove Thursday.

The song entitled "There is only One girl," doesn't apply to our City water commissioner, Mr. Todd, as he has been seen of late on parade with a variety of the fairer sex.

Word has come that Merle Markee and Herbert McNutt is to join the Holy-Roller camp the last of the week. They will play in the band here.

Quite a number of Forest Grove people have left for home this week. Among them are: Oscar Baldwin and wife, George Littlehales, Alice Cronin, Kate Smeltzer, Staehr sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. Thornburg.

Oregon Hops the Best.

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ship only a part of their crop and reap the reward of the advance for the remaining part. The price at home did advance (whether from this source alone or not) and the growers had the opportunity to sell their remaining hops at the advance.

I am of the opinion if we would follow up this course of sending part of our hops to England early after picking and then took chances on the market, we would be able to secure better figures for those at home, and in addition would choke the growers of England out of this line of agriculture, and then they would be compelled to look to us for their supply at prices growers might be able to dictate. We are in need of some union or organization for the purpose of systematizing the business of hop production and marketing.

AT THE CHURCHES

Free Methodist

There will be preaching services in the Free Methodist church Sunday at 11 a. m., also 8 p. m., by Rev. H. K. Bowman, Pastor.

M. E. Church

Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m., Sunday school at 10 a. m., Epworth League 7:00 p. m., Prayer Meeting, Thursday 8:00 p. m. Everybody welcome. L. F. BELKNAP.

German Lutheran Church

There will be no German Lutheran services held in Forest Grove until the 4th Sunday in July after which time they will be held continuously at the usual time, 2:30 p. m., on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.

H. C. Ebeling.

Christian Church.

There will be regular preaching services at the Christian Church morning and evening of the first and third Sundays of each month, the minister devoting a portion of his time to the congregation in Hillsboro. Service next Sunday at 11 a. m., the congregation joining in the union meeting in the evening. C. A. SIAS, Minister.

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" 7 " - - - 9:00 a. m.
" 9 " - - - 1:30 p. m.
" 1 " - - - 4:16 p. m.
SOUTH BOUND
No. 2 Departs - - - 9:00 a. m.
" 4 " - - - 6:20 p. m.
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" 10 " - - - 9:20 p. m.
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