



County Fairs.

Few more shop-worn topics exist than the county fair. That a reader, like a "sucker," is born each moment, is the only ground for thinking the venerable theme may still be worked. Buck up, O muse, and see. The season is at hand. In the absence of statistics, it is safe to say that the county fair, in rural counties at least, is as great an institution as ever it was. It is different, but only in detail. Those who can remember back thirty years can recall the time when the great attraction at the county fair was the high-wheeled, nickel-plated Columbia bicycle, with its little short handle-bar and its daring rider in skin-tight knee-breeches who circled the half-mile track at what seemed terrific speed. The bicycle was so new an invention that no two people agreed on the pronunciation of its name, which now is partly true of the aeroplane, that instrument which, if not this season, then next year, will replace the dirigible balloon as a county fair "attraction." We had never dreamed of automobiles then, and now the county fair is a mart for the sale of these vehicles to the farmer, who is losing his attachment for the red-wheeled, side-bar buggy. "Machinery Hall" in the old days—they got the name from the Philadelphia Centennial—was given over largely to exhibits of various horse-power devices, primitive mowing machines, treadmills, and "side-hill" plows. The self-binder had not come into use. Now they show gasoline engines adapted to every phase of farm activity, cream separators that jerk the butter fat out of the fresh milk, and scores of devices that the farm boy of thirty years ago would find it impossible to guess the uses of. Then they hitched the trotters to high-wheeled sulkies, like the one in the old lithographs of Budd Doble of "catarrhal name." Now they race on a couple of rubber tubes filled with air. The upright piano, with or without an automatic playing device, and the phonograph have replaced the melodeon and the cabinet organ in "Music Hall." Battenberg lace and stenciled draperies have crowded the patchwork "log cabin" and "crazy" quilts to the wall in the department of home industries, and the advance in a nation's artistic taste is shown in the exhibits of amateur photography which have taken the place formerly occupied by stiff "still-life" water-colors and cardboard "mottos." But the spirit is unchanged. The same good-natured rivalry and pride in the products of one's own farm, garden, orchard, poultry yard, or pasture exist, whether the product be rutabagas or sugar-beets, cabbage or kohlrabi, Baldwins or Black Ben Davises, Plymouth Rocks or Rhode Island Reds, old-fashioned Alderneys or modern Dutch Belted. The neighborly emulation is as strong a motive force for progress now as it ever was. Today, as in the '70's, the county fair is more than a merry-making. It is the rallying-ground for home, village, and farm, and its prosperity means the health of our rural population and resources.—Collier's.

Yamhill County Apple Fair.

The Willamette Valley Apple Growers' Association is encouraging the holding of apple fairs in several counties of the valley even though the crop be so light this year that it will be difficult to assemble a creditable exhibit. The association has asked the growers of Yamhill to make an exhibit at McMinnville on the

12th and 13th of November. Business men of McMinnville have taken the matter in hand and will appoint committees to do the necessary preliminary work. W. T. Macy will probably have the management of the fair. The magnificent trophy donated by Senator Hodson by Multnomah will be the chief prize of the fair. This competition will be for best 3 boxes of packed apples of different varieties. The apple crop is very short this year but it is thought that, by earnest solicitation by committees all over the county a fine exhibit can be assembled. Instructions about picking, sorting and packing exhibition fruit will be given in due season and all owners of apple trees are asked to help make the county fair a distinct success.

Well Irrigation.

The passenger department of the O. R. & N. and Southern Pacific lines in Oregon has just issued a sixty-four page booklet compiled by R. M. Brereton, entitled "Well Irrigation for Small Farms" which is well worth the attention of anyone who is interested in irrigation. During the past few years the question of irrigation has been claiming the attention of many farmers and fruit growers in the Willamette Valley, and it is apparent that the time is not far distant when artificial watering of the soil will be resorted to by hundreds of tillers of the soil, hence any information on the subject will be welcomed by progressive farmers.

In a recent editorial the Oregonian says of the booklet: Mr. R. M. Brereton's pamphlet on "Well Irrigation" deserves studious attention from those who wish well to agriculture in the Willamette Valley. Irrigation from wells is usually profitable, as Mr. Brereton points out, only on small farms, but inasmuch as large farms have been one of the worst mischiefs which Oregon has known, this is no objection to the project. Anything which presents a motive for dividing up huge tracts of land among many families is a benefit to the state. Irrigation is essential to successful farming in the valley. At least it increases the yield of a great many crops. If it can be applied from wells better than otherwise, then, by all means, let wells be dug and pumps installed.

There is a sad lack of information among farmers about the expense and efficiency of pumps. How to gear them, what power to employ, how to manage the water after it is raised, are questions which they find puzzling. The Agricultural College will doubtless find a way to transport a simple pumping outfit from place to place before long and send somebody with it who can explain its action in minute detail. Instruction of this kind is what the farmers must have before Mr. Brereton's brochure can be very valuable to most of them. Hundreds of men who are convinced of the value of irrigation are still perplexed by simple questions of ways and means." Drop a card to Wm. McMurray, General Passenger Agent, Portland, if you desire a copy of the booklet.

West Chehalis.

Mr. Leach and family are about to leave for their home in Montana where they intend to remain. W. R. Carter is seriously ill with heart trouble. S. M. Calkins finished picking hops Tuesday. C. N. Marsh has started to cut his corn. He has some of the finest ever raised in this country.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Suggestive Quotations on the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Linscott for the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

SEPTEMBER 19th, 1909.

REVIEW.

Golden Text for the Quarter—So mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed.—Acts xix:20.

The following review can be used as a complete lesson in itself, or as a review of the eleven preceding lessons. The date and title of each lesson and where found, the Golden Text, and one question from each lesson follow:

July 4—Acts xv:36 to xvi:15. Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Antioch to Philippi. Golden Text, Acts xvi:9. Come over into Macedonia and help us.

Verses 37-39—If a man shows lack of courage, or tact, or faithfulness, in one position, does that in any measure disqualify him from getting another, or from success when in another position?

July 11—Acts xvi:16-40. Paul's Second Missionary Journey—The Philippian Jailor. Golden Text: Acts xvi:31. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.

Verse 16—In what class do you put those who, knowingly, either directly or indirectly, profit by the sins of fallen women?

July 18—Acts xvii:1-15. Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Thessalonica and Berea. Golden Text: Psalm 119:11. Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Verse 2—Is it necessary for us to adopt all Paul's opinions, deductions and prognostications, in order to be well pleasing to God?

July 25—Acts xvii:16-34. Paul's Second Missionary Journey—Athens. Golden Text: John iv:24. God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Verse 18—Which brings the more lasting happiness and develops the nobler character, and why, the Epicurean philosophy, a life devoted to the pleasures of sense; or the Stoic, Christian philosophy, a life devoted to the service of others, and to self-denial?

August 1—Acts xviii:1-22. Close of Paul's Second Missionary Journey. Golden Text: John xvi:33. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Verses 2-3—A goodly proportion of the membership of the church have the ability to preach; ought not this ability to be developed, thus giving to every local church several preachers who could divide the preaching between them, paying only one a salary, who would thus have plenty of time to act as pastor?

August 8—I Thess. v:12-24. Paul's Instructions to the Thessalonians. Golden Text: I Thess. v:15. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good.

Verse 21—Can the real truth ever be a hurt to a true man, and should not such a man be as glad to change his opinions, when he finds he is wrong, as to change a worn-out garment for a new one?

August 15—Acts xviii:23 to xix:22. Paul's Third Missionary Journey—Ephesus. Golden Text: Acts xix:17. The name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

Verse 28—Why is it that God has conditioned all extension of human progress and betterment, including salvation itself, upon the zeal, ability, and goodness, of those who already enjoy its benefits?

August 22—Acts xix:23 to xx:1. Paul's Third Missionary Journey—The Riot in Ephesus. Golden Text: II Cor. xii:9. He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Verses 23-27—When the general welfare of the people is injured by the business of the few, is it, or not, the duty of the State to make such business illegal?

August 29—I Cor. xiii:13. Paul on Christian Love. Golden Text: I Cor. xiii:13. Now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Verses 4-7—Why is it that love tends to promote patience, politeness, kindness, gentleness, humility and every other virtue?

September 5—Acts xx:2-38. Paul's Third Missionary Journey—Farewells. Golden Text: Phil. iv:13. I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me.

Verses 7-12—Why is it that church members will listen, unwearied, for hours, to a political speech, and get tired of even a good sermon, if it lasts longer than thirty minutes?

September 12—Acts xxi:1-17. Close of Paul's Third Missionary Journey. Golden Text: Acts xxi:14. The will of the Lord be done.

Verses 8-9—Should Christian parents train their children from infancy to

know God, to be skillful in prayer, in faith and in good works?

Lesson for Sunday, September 26—Temperance Lesson. Cor. x:23-33.

Portland Notes.

The vacant wheat lands of Central Oregon are being filled up at an unprecedented rate, the coming of railroads up the Des Chutes being the cause of a big boom in wheat growing in that great undeveloped country. During the past week a record trip was made into the vacant lands about Bend by a party of settlers who went overland from Corvallis by auto. The trip was made from Corvallis to Bend, 150 miles, in one day and the next morning members of the party filed on 320 acre homesteads near Bend and will engage in wheat growing. A tract of land of 250,000 acres in that district has just been included in the new 320-acre homestead law and is proving very attractive to settlers.

What is said to be the highest price ever paid for an apple crop anywhere has just been closed for the Hood River and Mosier valley yields. J. A. Steinhart, of the fruit-buying firm of Steinhart & Kelly, New York City, visited both districts the past week and contracted for the entire yield of the Mosier and Hood River valleys at better than \$2.50 per box. As the total crop will run up to about 150 carloads, the contract just made will put more than \$200,000 into the pockets of apple growers in these two districts.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock will be in Portland September 22 and 23, these dates having been selected for the annual meeting of the Presidential Postmasters' Association in this state.

The Daltons and the Coffeyville Bank Robbery.

The next man to die was the city marshal, Connelly. He ran out of a building with a pistol in his hand. Bob killed him before he could even raise the pistol. Bob's shooting was one of the remarkable things of the whole affair. He never raised his Winchester to his shoulder, but held it right at his side like a "hip-shooter," wheeling quickly from side to side and shooting all the time.

When Bob left the First National Bank, Ayers thought he would watch his chance and kill him. As soon as Bob was well out on the street, Ayers slipped out of the back door of the bank, and going into the hardware store procured a rifle; coming back he slipped quietly up to the front door of the bank and watched for a chance at Bob. The latter was standing up the street a short distance watching the doors of the building, firing this way and that. Ayers kept his eye on him until he thought the outlaw's attention was sufficiently attracted, when, opening the front door gently, he started to throw down on Bob. Before he could bring his gun to the level, Bob whirled and fired at him, shooting him through the face, the bullet entering at the side of his nose and coming out at the back of his neck. It was a fearful wound and though Ayers finally recovered, the surgeons said that had the bullet cut inward the sixteenth of an inch farther it would have proved fatal.—George Elmer McCulloch in The Pacific Monthly for September.

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Horses at the Portland Fair.

The horse show at the Portland Fair and Livestock Exposition, promises to eclipse any former event ever held on the Coast, not barring the Lewis and Clark show.

Perhaps the largest exhibitor of standard breeds will be F. A. Alley of Roseburg, Oregon. Mr. Alley brings a full complement and enters in all classes from the colts up to aged horses. His record in the show ring last year is still fresh in the memory of fair goers. His horses were admired by thousands at Salem and Portland, and this year he will equal if not surpass his former showing and winnings.

Among other exhibitors of standard breeds are, L. C. McCormick, W. L. Whitmore, J. P. Porter all of Portland, J. L. Eidson, Silverton, Thos. H. Brents, Walla Walla, Wash.; Paul Wessinger, Portland; C. X. Larrabee, Home Park, Mont.; Edward Auld, Edmonton, Canada; Eli Rocky, Bay Center, Wash. There are more to hear from.

The Clydesdales will be represented by J. D. Gordon & Son, of Newberg, Ore. Mr. Gordon made a trip across the water, bringing out a new importation with which to meet all comers. H. C. Constance of Independence will have four head; Hugh Nesbit, of Chimacum, Wash., will be on hand; D. M. Dryden, of Woodburn has a fine aged Clyde; Wm. Boyd, of Hastings, Oregon, will have Bruce and others to hear from.

McLaughlin Bros., of Columbus, Ohio, will show a large number of heavy horses. They are well known exhibitors and have won at any show of consequence.

J. Crouch & Son, of Lafayette,

Ind., have been importing horses for years and are well known at every show and fair of importance. They have a branch barn at Portland and Sacramento, Cal., and will have a big exhibit.

A. C. Ruby & Co., our home importer, will have the largest exhibit he ever put out. He will show several of the heavy breeds and has a brand new importation for the fair.

H. C. Campbell has mammoth Spanish Jacks & Belgians which always attract much attention.

Percherons will be shown by McLaughlin, Crouch, Ruby and several other breeders.

Taken all together it will be one of the best horse shows held on the Pacific Coast and it will be worth going miles to see.

Statement of Finance of Grove Union Meetings.

| COLLECTIONS. | |
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| August 1st..... | \$ 2.77 |
| August 8th..... | 4.58 |
| August 15th..... | 5.92 |
| August 22nd..... | 3.51 |
| August 29th..... | 3.76 |
| September 5th..... | 2.01 |

Total cash received \$22.55

| DISBURSEMENTS. | |
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| M. E. Church..... | \$ 3.01 |
| Presbyterian Church..... | 3.01 |
| Ger. M. E. Church..... | 3.01 |
| Christian Church..... | 3.00 |
| Friends Church..... | 3.01 |
| Baptist Church..... | 3.01 |

Preparing grounds and janitor work..... 4.50

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