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BOOTING OUT THE GAMBLERS

In a conversation the editor of the Graphic had some time ago with one of our city officials, very strong exceptions were taken to the character of some of the so-called amusement concessions that were allowed, on certain occasions, to hold forth in Newberg, when the writer was told that many people did not look at these things in the same way the Graphic editor did; that such things were permitted on the State Fair grounds and that the public demanded them.

This question came up at Salem last week and in discussing the matter editorially the Oregonian said: "It was pretty generally understood following the state fair a year ago that at succeeding fairs gambling devices would be excluded from the grounds."

"Notwithstanding this professed reformation at Salem, many concessions at the state fair have this week blossomed into games of chance. It also appears that on demand of the governor and local authorities the fair board has compelled five of the most objectionable of these concessions to close and it is now said that the sheriff of Marion county will close 15 more of them."

"Is this all of them? Why any games of chance at the state fair are now permitted or have been permitted to operate ought to be explained and explained promptly—if any explanation is possible. We can think of none. Not even the one that they produce revenue for the state fair is sufficient, when their belittling character and bad influence are considered."

"There are some, indeed, which weakly pretend to be games of skill in which prizes are offered, but in no instance are any of these games such as persons who attend a state fair are accustomed to play or would play at home or anywhere else for pure entertainment. Nobody who plays them is skilled in them. No sane person will waste time fitting himself accurately to throw rings over a pin or to roll little balls down

a board and into a pocket. They offer no competition between players. They are lotteries. The rare winner wins by luck and the percentages are ten times stronger against him than in rolling dice. They are cheap attempted evasions of the anti-gambling laws—laws imposed by the same commonwealth that supports the state fair as an educational institution.

"The open flaunting of gambling devices at the state fair is a disgrace that should not be tolerated a day longer by either the state fair board or the law-enforcing authorities of Marion county."

The Pure Bred Livestock association also took the matter up at a meeting held during the fair and resolutions were passed by that body as follows:

"Whereas, the Oregon Pure Bred Livestock association believes that the foundation and ground work of all fairs is agriculture and livestock; that the great object of holding of state fairs is for the education of the present and growing generation; that the first consideration of the management of all fairs should be the morals and character of everything that comes within the fair's influence the principal object of our lives should be the moral training of our boys and girls;

"Now, therefore, this association, as a body, unanimously goes on record against all exhibits and concessions that are not educational and that are not morally clean.

"Whereas, this devices and games of chance and some of the side shows conspicuous on the grounds of our fair this year are unwholesome and demoralizing and totally unfit for the association of young people, upon whose morals and education depend the future of our homes and state.

"Resolved, That this association hereby expresses itself as against the permitting of such games and shows upon the fair grounds and hereby insists that the state fair board and all other fair boards of the Pacific circuit clean their grounds of all gambling devices and questionable amusements; that we are very desirous of supporting the state fair in every way possible, but we insist that everything that is of a gambling and immoral nature be excluded from our fairs and fair grounds; that we will use our influence with the state legislature toward securing sufficient financial help so that the permitting of all of the said games of chance and disgusting shows can be eliminated.

"Be it resolved, that we appreciate

the efforts of our governor, Ben Olcott, for his response to our appeal in behalf of clean influences in about the state fair grounds this year."

Some of our competitors among the prune men have said that we are proving a great detriment to speculative buying, speculators not daring to buy, says the Oregon Grower. Thanks, we appreciate the compliment, speculators should be driven out of the field of food production. However, we do not believe we are entitled to credit for this condition as the prices at which packers started selling did not leave any margin for a speculative profit and speculative buying on that account was not attractive. The grower on the other hand did not get to see the benefit of the extra high prices asked as it was not passed on to him but pocketed. There are other factors, also which we believe have contributed as much, if not more, in causing a quiet dried fruit market this season. These are tight money, a decline in price for certain commodities, lack of export demand, loss taken by the trade of sugar and a carry over from last year of a considerable amount of dried fruit. All of these have had their influence in bringing about uncertain marketing conditions.

Possibly the schools of today may teach the principles of punctuation and the proper use of capitals, but they utterly fail in impressing upon those who prepare manuscript for publication the importance of putting into practice, such teaching. It seems that a large per cent of those who are able to tickle the keys of a typewriter have the impression that about all that is required to make a page of stuff appear presentable, is to promiscuously throw in a period or comma occasionally and to be profuse in the use of capitals.

The population of the United States as announced today by the census bureau is 105,683,108, an increase of 13,710,842, or 14.9 per cent. Quite a respectable family, numbers considered.

Didn't Want to Waste 'Em.

The fishing season is on. A business man was reminded of it by a small son who called him on the phone and asked:

"Why?" the man asked.
"Well," answered the boy, "I've got a couple of worms and don't know what to do with them."—Worcester Evening Post.

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LOCALS AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. J. R. Horning has returned from an extended visit with her son at Hermiston.

Miss Laverne Miller is here from Corvallis visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Miller.

Dr. Sarah Smith has disposed of the Chevrolet she has been driving for the past two years and is now riding in a new Dodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Douglas and daughter, of West Milton, Ohio, spent Thursday in Newberg visiting the J. F. Taylor family. They left in the evening for Berkeley, California.

Complaint of the condition of the streets near the high school building has been registered at this office, and the suggestion made that a few loads of gravel would help a lot there, all of which is respectfully referred to the city dads.

Miss Minnie Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dean, went to Albany on Wednesday of last week where she was married to Frank Ede of that city, the ceremony being performed at the Presbyterian parsonage by the pastor. The home of the newly-weds is to be at Lacombe.

Will Pool, who spends his summers at Seaside where he runs a bowling alley, and the remainder of the year at Portland and on his place below the city, was out Sunday for a visit with his cousin, W. E. White. He remained over until Monday and spent a part of the day with John I. Hadley, they having been boys together at Mooresville, Indiana, where they grew up.

Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Stannard came to Newberg the latter part of last week for a short visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Parker, and to ship their household effects to Chehalis, Washington, where he has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at a salary double the amount he received when he was located there a few years ago.

D. H. Brown, one of the large prune growers in Springbrook vicinity, sees the need of having his own drier, as about two thirds of his crop was a loss this year on account of the drier he patronized not having the capacity to handle the crop. Mr. Brown has about 17 acres in prunes and at one time the drier would only receive 15 boxes per day. This did not afford work for one picker, and in this way the rains caught him before a great part of his crop had been saved. Many other prune growers had the same experience and there is no doubt that there will be twice the number of driers next season. There is scarcely an orchard but what suffered more or less loss this year, which taken all together means many thousands of dollars that would have gone into the channels of trade could the crop have been saved.

"Ethebert, I have no use for that young Bilthers; he yawned three times while I was talking to him."
"He wasn't yawning, my dear; he was merely trying to say something."
—Town Topics.

Once there was an editor who got out a newspaper that pleased everybody. But he had a glass plate over his face and he was not standing. The flowers were beautiful.—Houghton (Mich.) Gazette.

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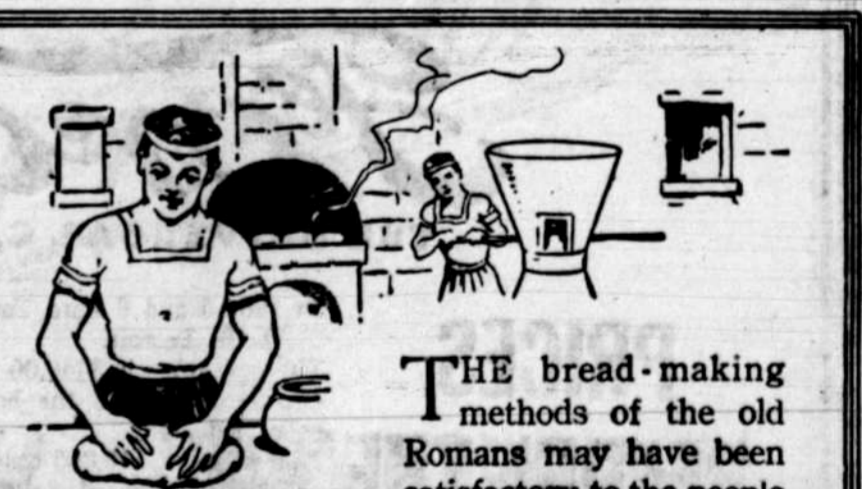
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