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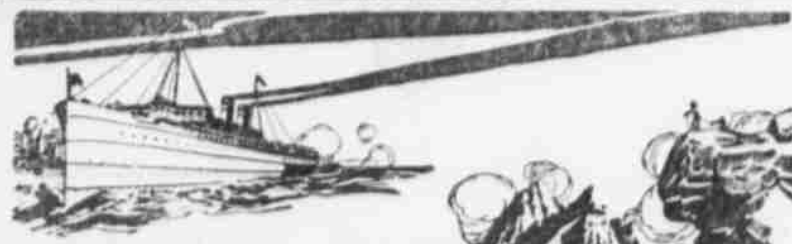
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EXHIBITS SURPASS EXPECTATIONS

Wonderful Display Causes Much Comment---Laidlaw Carried Off First Prize---Lumber Exhibit Excellent

The Railroad Day celebration exhibits were arranged on a stand built in the middle of Oregon street between Wall and Bond, and presented a most attractive appearance. From one end to the other were shown the products of Central Oregon, and especially samples of what the soil produces. At many country fairs are seen exhibits grown especially for display, but this was not the case here as it was not known until a few weeks before that such an exhibit was to be held. On short notice the ranchers got together what they had and neatly arranged it into a display that was pronounced by all an excellent one. James J. Hill took a good look at it and was wonderfully impressed, as were all the other railroad officials. It was an eye-opener not only to the visitors but to a majority of the Bend people themselves.

First honors were taken by Laidlaw, the general blue ribbon and the First National Bank prize of \$25 for the best assortment of samples both being won by that town. Powell Butte came next, with the most individual blue ribbons. The Bend farmers took many first awards, making altogether a most creditable exhibition.

The largest individual exhibit was from the Valley View Stock Farm of J. N. B. Gerking of Laidlaw.

The large number of different articles making up the entire display was striking. In looking over the collection the judges found: wheat, rye, oats, barley, timothy, clover, alfalfa, potatoes, onions, carrots, parsnips, rutabagas, turnips, squash, pumpkins, watermelons, muskmelons, peppers, beans, cucumbers, artichokes, field, sugar and pop corn, apples, pears, plums, hops, strawberries, raspberries, currants, loganberries, blackberries, tomatoes, string beans, flax, millet, sanforn, beets, radishes, lettuce, celery, cauliflower, garden peas, rhubarb, endive, parsley, broom grass, red top, catnip, sunflowers, bunchgrass, eggs, butter, lumber, brick and other things.

Earl Saunders of Powell Butte had an entry that seemed almost impossible yet his neighbors satisfied the doubters that it wasn't. This was 65 potatoes weighing 32 1/2 pounds that were dug from one hill.

The Powell Butte exhibit was in charge of George F. Beckman, who showed it at Redmond and will have it at Prineville, after which it will be sent East. It gave forceful concrete evidence of what this country can do, especially in potatoes and onions. Mr. Beckman said he had in two acres of onions this year which produced from 1000 to 1200 bushels to the acre. S. D. Mustard got 1200 bushels from one acre, and Pearl Fulkerson, Charles Foster, H. Wolcott and others got similar yields. In the Powell Butte exhibit were ten varieties of onions weighing from a pound and a quarter to two and a quarter: Seven varieties of potatoes, matured popcorn, sweet and field corn also bore testimony to what could be done with the soil. Pearl Fulkerson brought in a 46-pound Hubbard squash and the Lafollette Nursery Co. raised a 12-pound crooked neck squash.

That this is a hop country was evidenced by large and well laden vines from Bend, Powell Butte and Laidlaw. Apples, too, can be raised. Powell Butte exhibiting five varieties, George Bates of Bend and A. D. Parks of Laidlaw also having raised some. Plums, pears and other fruits were entered too.

Alfalfa 7 feet 6 inches tall, from a field of 30 acres at Powell Butte, attracted much attention.

Belle Girard, who lives seven miles east of Bend, had on display a stem with ripe strawberries on it, as did A. McCallister of Laidlaw also.

Sugar Leets, with 21 per cent of

saccharine, from the C. B. Allen ranch up river were among the Laidlaw exhibits. Though not extensive, the display from the town 33 miles to the south was most creditable. Other communities represented were Hampton Valley, Fort Rock, Silver Lake, Christmas Lake, Fremont and Sisters. Nothing was seen from Prineville or Redmond.

Strong evidence of the possibilities of the homestead country to the south-east of Bend, which is just being settled up, was contained in a collection got up by E. R. Post. It showed wheat, barley, flax, rye, wild flax, salt bush, oats, millet and Johnston grass.

F. Edwards exhibited sanforn, a dry land clover, and also Bronnes Juevenis, a peculiar sort of plant. Another plant that many had not seen was endive, a winter lettuce, exhibits of which were made by Henry Linster and Pars & Schaffer of Bend. The latter, whose farm is a mile and a half from Bend, carried off blue ribbons on celery, rutabagas, peppers, tomatoes and lettuce.

J. O. Williams had a nice display of string beans, beets, cucumbers, tomatoes, corn, etc., raised north of Pilot Butte.

Cole E. Smith got a blue ribbon on a watermelon raised on his place near town.

As the farm products told of possibilities in an agricultural line around Bend, the lumber exhibits proved what could be expected from the manufacture of the 20 billion feet of timber tributary. The Bend Co. and the Bend Brick & Lumber Co. had splendid displays. The raw product, logs, to the best inside finishing material was shown. The Bend Co. had samples of flooring, molding of various kinds, finish, lap siding, casing, ceiling and rustic on display. The Bend Brick & Lumber Co. had had a little house built of lumber from its mill and in it were shown red and white brick manufactured west of town. Anyone who had doubts had them removed when they saw the display of as fine pine lumber as is to be found in any country.

An inkling of the bountifulness of game in this region was given by the skin of a black bear which was killed last Wednesday at Crane Prairie by J. Stanley and Cal Eaton.

The judges for the exhibits were F. M. Chrisman of Silver Lake and S. H. Silkworth, traveling representative of the A. H. Averill Machinery Co. of Portland.

The prize of \$25 for the best general exhibit was awarded to Laidlaw. The best fruit exhibit was made by George F. Beckman of Powell Butte and the best dairy exhibit by F. E. Dayton of Laidlaw, each receiving an award of \$3. The other premiums were \$1 each and were awarded as follows:

Turnip, Charlie Henderson; rutabagas, Pars & Schaffer; pumpkin, Earl Saunders; squash, Pearl Fulkerson; cabbage, Mrs. Geo. Brosterhouse; cauliflower, E. H. Howell; onion, S. D. Mustard; sunflower, Hugh O'Kane; corn, Lafollette Nursery Co.; alfalfa, A. J. Rhode; clover, Anderson Bros.; wheat, W. H. Staats; oats, Geo. F. Beckman; celery, Pars & Schaffer; carrots, Geo. F. Beckman; beet, A. L. Hudson; watermelon, Cole Smith; muskmelon, A. P. Alley; peppers, Pars & Schaffer; potatoes, Geo. F. Beckman; rye, Geo. F. Beckman; citron, J. R. Couch.

SELLS MANY LOTS.

A. O. Hunter of the real estate department of The Bend Co. reports the sale during the past ten days of 122 city lots. One hundred and nine of these were sold to the Bend Park Co., all of them in Center Addition. Mr. Hunter said that these were the last of the \$100 residence lots in Bend.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

Oregon Trunk Railway Cuts Down Its Running Time

The Oregon Trunk Railway train for Portland now leaves Opal City at 8 a. m., instead of 9 a. m., Culver at 8:15 a. m., instead of 9:15 a. m., Metolius at 8:25 a. m., instead of 9:28 a. m., Madras at 8:33 a. m., instead of 9:41 a. m., and arrives at Portland at 6 p. m., instead of 7:45 p. m.

Leaving Portland at 9:55 a. m. as formerly, the train arrives at Madras at 6:18 p. m., Metolius 6:28 p. m., Culver 6:39 p. m., and Opal City 6:55 p. m., twenty minutes earlier than heretofore.

These changes make materially better schedules to and from Portland.

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