

REVIVING OLD TIME COUNTRY FAIRS

Greater Individual Interest In Local Fairs Than In State And National Events. Renewed Activity Every- where Manifest And Much Enthus- iasm Displayed For Home Shows

One of the most encouraging signs of the times is a very general reawakening of interest in the county fairs says a writer in the Farm Progress. For some years interest seemed to wane, as a large portion of the farmers and other country residents made arrangements to attend the large State, National and International expositions.

These were, as a matter of course, very educative, broadening and entertaining, but the personal appeal was lacking, even when considering products in their own line of business. These may have been extraordinary in size, quantity, perfection of form and other attributes, but they did not make any special impression or stir any ambition to emulate, they were regarded as exceptional developments contributed to the making of a great "show" and as such were objects of curiosity merely and not half so attractive to most of the sightseers as other exhibits of natural or manufactured subjects from other parts of the world.

Now in every county fair or small local exhibit there is great individual interest, close competition between friends and neighbors; good natured rivalry between different localities and situations in the growing of certain crops, and especially in the

demonstration of the superiority of certain new methods and management over those of earlier days, as well as great inspiration in every unusual success and practicable innovation, because these have been achieved under conditions and opportunities available to most of the observers.

Johnny's calf and Bobby's colt, Jenny's sponge cake, and Carry's display of jellies, are of very much more importance than just a fine calf or colt, or cake or array of jellies, such as a confectioner's window might show. Of course, there will be some disappointments, some questioning the fairness of the judges in making the awards; but these do but add zest to the subject, and arouse determination on the part of those who failed to get the "blue ribbon" to win out next year.

Another feature of the greatest value is the social one. Here, there and everywhere the spectator witnesses the delighted meeting of friends who have perhaps been long separated and who have the keenest enjoyment in their exchange of experiences, and the opinions on many subjects, personal and general; with which they are actually concerned.

Generally, too, at each county fair the visitors have the privi-

lege of hearing some fine oratory from a political celebrity; and no doubt, this will be a particularly good drawing card at the present season.

This revival of interest in the county fair is very general throughout the county east of the Rocky Mountains, and many local agricultural and horticultural societies are being reorganized or new ones instituted, which will greatly promote productive enterprise in many lines. Where the old time fair grounds have not been appropriated to other purposes, buildings and fences are undergoing repairs, and being provided with modern improvements for the better display of exhibits, and the comfort and enjoyment of the guests.

In counties where there are no public fair grounds, arrangements are being perfected for the temporary leasing of some convenient central location and the erection of such buildings and tents as will safely house the valuable property already entered for exhibit and for the accommodation of the visitors, and everything will be planned to promote the revival of the local competitive spirit among those engaged in any line of stock, grain, fruit or flower growing, and various indoor industries.

It is hoped that the Farm Progress has been giving the subject due attention, and that many are training and growing animals, stimulating the growth of vegetables and fruits, selecting samples of grain, working on mechanical and artistic devices, and in other ways preparing to add to the attractions and success of the coming fair.

Our Telephone Girl

The telephone girl sits in her chair and listens to voices from everywhere. She hears all the gossip, she hears all the news; she knows it all, and who is drinking the booze; knows well why you're happy and when you have the blues. Say, its not joy when you put on your captivating styles; and learn the other fellow has won your girl with his smiles. She knows of all our troubles, she knows of our strife, and we bet she knows each man who neglects his wife. She knows every time we are "out with the boys;" she hears the excuse each fellow employs. She knows every woman who has a dark past, she knows every man who is inclined to be "fast." In fact there is a secret "neath each saucy curl, of that demure "wise" telephone girl. If the telephone girl would but tell all she knows, she would turn all her friends into bitter foes. She could sow a small wind that would soon be a gale, engulf us in trouble, land us in jail. She could let go many a story (gaining in force) that would cause half the wives to sue for divorce. She could cause the churches to be mixed up in a fight, and turn all our days into sorrowing night. You little know with a small blaze, what a duce'd hot fuss she could raise; and think, if she but started a real flame, how much would you give her, not to mention "somebody's" name. In fact she could keep everything in a stew, if she'd but tell a tenth of what she knew. So speak politely to her over the phone, as she could tell things that wouldn't make it "home sweet home." Now, doesn't it make your head just whirl, when you think what you owe the telephone girl.

Dr. Kerr of O. A. C. Compliments School House

While in Burns the other day enroute to Lakeview, Dr. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College, paid a visit to the new modern public school building now being completed in this city. Dr. Kerr considered this building one of the very best in the state from the standpoint of convenience and sanitation and congratulated the city on securing such modern and well appointed building. He was loud in his praise of the progressiveness shown by the tax payers of the district. Dr. Kerr is going to select the new teachers made necessary by the adding of agriculture and domestic science to our high school course and this will delay the opening of high school until Sept. 16, instead of the first Monday in the month as originally planned.

COMMUNITY INTERESTS FIRST CONSIDERATION

Excellent Spirit Shown By The Business Interests Of Burns In Advancing The Development Of The Entire Country. Big Bunch Of Boosters From Burns Went To Lakeview

In noting the large number of business men of Burns who left their personal affairs and at a considerable sacrifice of time and money, went to Lakeview the other day to attend the Development Congress, The Times-Herald finds a lesson of progression and public-spiritedness that should be given more than passing attention. These men and women are imbued with the spirit of progress and a desire to advance the interests of the entire Interior Oregon. It was not a matter of personal interest, but that of the entire country that caused these people to go to our neighboring city to exchange ideas and become better acquainted in order to advance the interests of the whole state. The men of Portland who made the trip are not prompted entirely by immediate gain, but see where mutual benefits may be derived that will eventually extend to the metropolis.

We are proud of the spirit thus shown by the people of Burns in this respect and commend the motive. We are all working for a common cause and should therefore concentrate our efforts along that line. We would that there were more such spirit shown throughout the country and proper credit given to the men who sacrifice their personal affairs to assist in such work. This spirit should be shown by the farmers and stockmen—they should give the people of Burns better support in this respect. This is not said in a way of complaint, but rather to call attention to the attitude of the Burns business men toward the country in general. They are first in every movement for the advancement of the country regardless of where the direct benefit will be or what the nature of the undertaking—so long as it is for the benefit of the country—the business men of Burns are behind it. They are the men who put up the

money to exploit the country or send delegations to outside points for public purposes. They do this uncomplainingly and have not asked anything in return, yet they are not given proper credit.

We have people who are envious and not disposed to appreciate this work. They see the wrong side of anything fostered in this city, and are inclined to resent it rather than help. This was manifested when the people of this city started the movement to secure the experiment station, as an instance, yet it was one of the best things ever accomplished for the benefit of the whole country. This has been seen since its establishment. Other matters of equal importance have been fostered and pushed thru by the enterprising people of this city. They have helped outside school districts build school houses; they have helped build roads, assisted the individual ranchers and farmers in their private enterprises, all without any other expected compensation than appreciation and a return of accommodations should opportunity present itself.

There should be a better spirit of harmony along general lines and the citizens of Burns are first to realize it. This must be taken up by the people of the entire country. No one section can prosper or progress but that it will benefit all the rest of the country. Why not see these things in the proper light? The Times-Herald gives its hearty support to all enterprises thruout the entire Eastern Oregon country and will continue this policy when opportunity presents itself; the business men of this city will do likewise. The whole country will eventually do so, when selfish men are made to see that it is necessary for the general advancement and prosperity of the Harney country.



Governor West, from a photo by Heck, taken on the south side of The Times-Herald Building during his recent visit to Burns. With him is J. F. Mahon, of Mule, mounted on the "democratic mule". Jim is a candidate for state senator from this district.

Mrs. Miller is at the I. Schwartz Busy Corner with a full line of spring millinery and is constantly adding to the stock which will be kept up all during the season.

Any court would grant a divorce to the woman whose husband refused to buy her one of those fireless cookers at Clevenger's.

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LATEST DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE NOTES

(From Our Portland Correspondent)

Touring Interior Oregon this week is a big party of representative Portland business men, who are making an automobile excursion to Lakeview under the auspices of the Portland Commercial Club. Everywhere along the line they are being accorded every possible courtesy and Central Oregon's well known hospitality is being extended.

To the visitors the trip is a vertible voyage of discovery. Many have never seen this great stretch of undeveloped country before and to them the sight of the farms being carved out of this new territory, many of them bearing their first crop this year, is a revelation. Certain it is that Portlanders will have a better understanding of that great country after this excursion.

Women physicians of the state will do the scoring at the Eugene Exposition at the Salem State Fair. This is really a scientific baby show and physical perfection will determine the winners. Each judge will score certain qualities and the figures will be averaged, so that an absolute impartial test will be made. Entries from many parts of the state are now being made.

Lewiston has been the first to suggest a big celebration in 1915 in honor of the opening of the Panama Canal and the completion of the Celilo Canal. All sections whose interests are affected by the opening of the Columbia and Snake rivers will be invited to join in what will be known as the Lewiston-Celilo-Panama Celebration. Tentative plans provide for a big river excursion from Portland. The Lewiston Commercial Club has the affair in charge.

Flax outlook in Oregon is making progress. Seed has been distributed by the Portland Linseed Oil Company and many favorable replies have been received from farmers who have succeeded in growing excellent flax. The plant thrives in this state, producing fine long fibre and much seed.

From far Canada comes a call for Pendleton's Cowboy Band to appear at a Wild West Show at Calgary, Alberta, early in September. The fame of this organization has spread and the Pendleton musicians will go to Calgary, taking along two cars of horses and equipment.

The Oregon State Immigration Commission is at work on a state booklet that will be a valuable work for attracting settlers. A thorough and accurate compilation is being made of state statistics, so that the most definite information will be available for the intending immigrant. It is expected an edition of 200,000 copies of this book will be published for general distribution before the end of the year.

Modern Labor Saving Machine Installed

A representative of The Times-Herald was shown a late improved sewing machine at the W. B. Shelly harness shop the other day that is certainly a labor-saver. It is designed for all kinds of work and may be used on light sewing as well as almost any thickness that leather is used for in harness or saddle work without adjustment. It is a handy piece of machinery that will no doubt be not only of good service to Mr. Shelly, but also a time saver to his patrons who bring in hurry repair work. Labor-saving devices are now a matter of economy not only to the business man but also those who patronize him.

COLLEGE REACHES

MANY THIS YEAR

Government Report Of Institutes And Demonstrations From Agricultural College Show That Many People Were Directly Benefited In Getting Valuable Help And Information

In the annual report of farm-ers institutes sent by the director of extension at the Oregon Agricultural College to the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington, it is shown that, up to July 1 of this year, there were held institutes in every county but one, including 68 one-day institutes, 3 lasting two days, and 1 lasting still longer, a total of 72 institutes holding 115 sessions attended by 10,633 people.

An institute train giving instruction in general farming and consisting of four cars made a run of 952 miles, stopping at 12 stations at which the attendance at lectures given by 9 experts was 4,325. A "round-up" institute held at the Moro branch experiment station was attended by 250 farmers, and 33 special institutes had an attendance of 13,150. These included special lectures at picnics, chautauquas, churches, banquets, conventions, commercial clubs, granges and fairs. This brings the total attendance at special institutes, to 13,400.

During the year there were 29 state lecturers from the college who did some institute work, 37 local speakers, and from 1 to 5 state lecturers were sent to each institute, receiving no compensation for this extra work. They devoted altogether 455 days to these lectures at the teacher's in-

stitute, to which 13 days were given, 5 lecturers spoke to 2,295 people. At high schools, where 19 days lecturing was done by ten college speakers, there were reached, 2010; and the grammar schools were 5 lecturers visited on 259 days, 41,105 were addressed. Four of the experiment station's men have conducted one-day demonstrations at which the attendance was 215. Most of the institutes were arranged at the request of local organizations or individuals, who specified the topics on which they wished the college expert to lecture.

Insufficient funds have made it impossible to respond to all the requests for institutes. A new feature of the work was the poultry demonstration car operated over the Southern Pacific lines in the Willamette Valley from April 6, to May 4, making 50 stops and reaching 21,932 people. The work in co-operation with the state superintendent of schools in industrial education culminating in exhibits at school fairs all over the state enlisted the active interest of some 75,000 boys and girls.

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