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COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITS ARE VERY CREDITABLE

Pavilion Attractive Through Excellent Work of The Ladies of Burns.

The weather man was not kind to the county fair committee, but even so, many people have been attending and seem to be enjoying the entertainment provided.

The pavilion displays are right up to the mark, especially is this true of the women's department. There never was a finer display of fancy work ever exhibited in Harney county. There are over 100 exhibitors in this department and the displays are varied, which includes several hundred articles.

Among the interesting things to be seen in that department are some Alaska relics loaned by Mrs. Sutton; also several articles of handwork in wood and cloth loaned by Rox. L. S. Tracy that he gathered during his missionary services in the Orient.

The school exhibit is another that deserves special attention, although it requires time to really appreciate this display. The work of the school children along the line of maps and note books will compare favorably with any school in the entire northwest. Had the fair movement been started earlier in the year the schools would have had a better opportunity to have made an exhibit, but the display had to be hurriedly secured since the opening of the fall terms within the past three weeks.

Another pretty feature in that wing of the pavilion is the doll house. This attracts much attention and deserves it. Mrs. Schwartz has a nice display of baby things in keeping with the doll house and the baby show.

The cut flowers, potted plants and art exhibits also come in for a share of praise. Some of the painting on exhibition are the work of home people, three paintings being done by a Sister of St. Joseph Hospital that are much admired.

Cakes, bread, canned fruit and other good things to eat are on display on one table. There should have been more canned fruit but unfortunately it was left out of the premium list and the housewives did not know about bringing it.

The women are entitled to the credit for the fine displays in the pavilion. Had it not been for them it would likely have rather a barren looking affair.

C. A. Byrd is in charge of the farm and garden products in the other wing of the pavilion. This display is good, although not as large and complete as it could have been. That is one thing that is neglected—the bringing in of farm and garden products by farmers and gardeners. It is too much to expect the fair management to go out and gather these exhibits for every individual connected with the fair has his or her private affairs to look after in addition to the duties of the fair. It is not an accommodation to the fair board to merely give them the privilege of taking exhibits from one's farm or garden. It isn't their fair any more than the other fellows. However, this is not the time or place to complain of these things. The fact is there are some of the best grain, grasses and vegetables on display in that department as one will find anywhere—the lack of quantity is made up in quality.

On entering the north door of this wing of the pavilion one first sees a hive of bees at work from the Percy Davis Apiary over at Drewsey. This is a display as honey bees are not numerous in Harney county. A section of comb honey is a part of this display.

To the right as you enter is the display of the Experiment Station which is one of the most complete in the pavilion. This is not there in competition with the farm products but merely an exhibition of the work of the station this season. The forage crops are represented by field peas which averaged 13.4 tons per acre at the silage stage; sunflowers which yielded 54.7 tons per acre on irrigated land and 16.5 tons on dry farm plots; there is also shown hemp 26 varieties of flax, 9 varieties of alfalfa, red clover, sweet clover, alsike

timothy, hary vetch and an oil plant called "Lallementia libertea."

Cereals are displayed with a chart showing the yields of the season which are very attractive and a standing advertisement in favor of the irrigation project now under construction. Fifteen varieties of wheat yielded better than 50 bushels to the acre, the highest being 84.7 and the lowest 50.9; ten varieties on dry farm plots went from 22 bushels to 40.6 per acre which is certainly good for this method of farming; oats on the irrigated portions show out of nine varieties on display yields ranging from 43.3 bushels to 130 bushels per acre; barley, the same number of varieties are on display, the best being Hanchen which went better than 93 bushels to the acre; rye is another crop that is important to the farmers of this section. There are six varieties of winter rye on display which yielded from 17 to 31 bushels to the acre; spring rye went as high as 38.9 per acre.

Among the individual exhibits in the garden and farm products that have attracted favorable attention and comment are: John Pick, a homesteader in Catlow, who has one of the finest little farms in the entire valley—we mean the portion he can irrigate is little. This exhibitor has a variety of things that show what can be done over in his country; fruit exhibits were made by Mrs. Farre, Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. McDaniels, Phil Smith and others. The fruit was not what it has been in the past; we have the fruit out on the farms and in the nooks around the foot hills but no one seemed inclined to bring it in. W. D. Huffman could have a wonderful exhibit in the line of fruit had he been so inclined. Others could have duplicated what was on exhibition.

The large pumpkin of Mrs. McKeivey's from Fields was another attraction, although there were other pumpkins and squash on display, this one was so big one had to see it and therefore comment. Some of the other individual exhibits of garden and field were Mrs. Frankie Turner and Mrs. Lupton; Clyde Embree had a varied exhibit which included a fine lot of corn, rye, water melons; Jay Gould's popcorn looked mighty good and Geo. Whiting's exhibit of alfalfa and native grasses were fine; James Reel had a nice exhibit and one or two special features of this was a display of peanuts and sorghum cane.

Mr. Carpenter, the O. A. C. man who judged the produce, said he was agreeably surprised to find the variety of exhibits. "It isn't so much what one sees in the unusual that makes a fair a success, but the marketable products that are exhibited. Potatoes, corn, alfalfa, grain, sugar beets and kindred products are what count, and it isn't the big specimen that wins favor on making the awards; it is quality, smoothness, etc.," said Mr. Carpenter when discussing the awards with the pavilion superintendent.

Mrs. Jessie D. McComb of the O. A. C. made the awards on the entries of the ladies, the flowers, needle work, cooking, the school work, art, etc. This was no easy task by any means as there was a variety and some very fine work in every department.

The Times-Herald will make no attempt to give the premium winners in the pavilion as the entry clerks had not been able to check up this morning.

The livestock exhibits at the fair made up in excellence what it lacked in numbers. We will not be able to publish the premium awards this week but will give them in full next issue.

HIGHWAY CONTRACT LET TO PORTLAND FIRM

The bids for the construction of the highway from Lawen on to Crane was let Tuesday. The successful bidder was the firm of Porter & Connelly, big contractors who now have thirteen pieces of road contract under construction, the Harney county contract making fourteen in all. The bid was for \$147,365 and they are required to have the grading completed by January 1, 1921 and the graveling done by July 1, 1921, the graveling not to begin until next spring.

Everything moves along right when the entire bunch gets behind it.

GABRIELSON TO START POISONING RABBITS

U. S. Biological Survey Will Work With County Agent In Active Campaign.

Ira N. Gabrielson, in charge of rodent control of the U. S. Biological Survey, spent a few days in this vicinity during the past week. Mr. Gabrielson was investigating the rabbit pest and taking steps to put his force in the field to aid in combating them.

Mr. Gabrielson was here last season for the same purpose and had one of his assistants on the ground for several weeks during the fall and winter but weather conditions were unfavorable to a satisfactory campaign. He is ready to begin operations at once, or at least within the next few days and will supply a quantity of poison from the government and two men to aid in the work. In fact he will provide a third man a part of the time but one assistant will have to divide his time with other parts of the territory. Mr. Gabrielson has arranged with County Agent McDaniels to begin an intensive campaign. He has had some experience in poisoning rabbits even though there is not snow and they are able to get at their accustomed feed. The work is to begin over on Silver Creek or Catlow Valley in all likelihood and will be followed up closely.

The rabbits thus destroyed will be that much out of the way from eating up forage that is needed for stock during the winter months and lessens the risk that much for the crops of next year.

If this campaign proves successful it is likely this method will be given preference over any bounty in the destruction of the rabbit pest. It is certainly the cheaper way and if the rabbits thus destroyed are not allowed to be presented for bounty, should the bounty bill be favorably voted upon, it will prove quite a saving to the taxpayers.

Mr. Gabrielson and Mr. McDaniels discussed the proposition in the presence of a representative of this paper and are agreed upon the method of procedure and will act together in the important work. Mr. Gabrielson left last evening for Malheur county by way of Crane and will send his Mr. Horn over as soon as he is available.

A PIONEER PASSED AWAY WEDNESDAY

George W. Gates died at the King hospital in this city on Wednesday morning after an illness covering several weeks with typhoid fever.

Mr. Gates was 49 years old at the time of his death. He was born in Missouri but came to Union county in this state in 1879 where he resided with his parents until 1885 when he came to Harney county where he had since resided. He was a quiet man but one that held friendships. He called all his acquaintances his friends and was universally liked.

He is survived by three sisters and two brothers. Mrs. J. W. Buchanan and Mrs. Geo. L. Buchanan both of this county and Mrs. Mollie Ward, who resides in Portland are sisters. Price Gates and Van Gates both living in Union county are the brothers.

The funeral service was conducted Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the Presbyterian church, Rev. J. H. Wicherson, the pastor conducting the service assisted by State Secy. Amos of the Presbyterian Board. The remains were taken to Harney for burial where deceased had relatives buried.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bathrick are among those from a distance to attend the fair. They are up from their home near Denton and guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rounsaville. Mr. Bathrick is a Whiteface breeder.

Mrs. Sim Hamilton was over from Drewsey for a day or two during the week taking in the first day of the fair and attending the institute. She was accompanied by her granddaughter and also two little children she is mothering following the death of the mother.

STATE LAND BOARD IS OPPOSED TO BIRD BILL

The School Children Would Suffer Loss of Thousands Dollars Should it Pass.

The State Land Board at a recent meeting caused the following resolution to be placed upon the minutes of the meeting:

The State Land Board has before it an application for the reclamation of certain lands in Harney County which are embraced within what is included in the proposed bill to create the Roosevelt Bird Refuge. In view of the fact, however, that the question of creating this reserve will be passed upon by the people at the general election, November 2, 1920, the Board deems it inexpedient at this time to consider such contract.

However, as members of the State Land Board the duty is imposed upon us by the Constitution of the State to act as guardians and trustees of the school fund and of all lands pertaining thereto. The Roosevelt Bird Refuge bill proposes to cede away to the federal government, without any remuneration whatsoever, many thousands of acres of lands belonging to the school children of the State. These lands represent probably several hundred thousand dollars, which could eventually find their way into the irreducible school fund, which it is our duty to guard and augment to the best of our ability. If the bill provided that this land should be ceded to the federal government in exchange for federal lands of equal value no loss would result to the school funds. This bill arbitrarily takes this land from the school children and gives it away to the federal government without a just and dual return to the school fund.

Fair Week Races And Entertainment Program

The entertainment program of the fair has been under the management of a live committee. The races have been pulled off in good shape and according to the advertised list and several close contests of speed have been witnessed. But one accident has occurred to mar the pleasure of this part of the entertainment and that proved not serious. This accident was at the finish of the pony race yesterday afternoon when the saddle turned with Chester Irving just after passing under the wire. The pony also fell but the boy was only slightly hurt.

The aeroplane exhibition has been a particularly pleasing feature of the fair and brought favorable comment. The flights in the air and the thrilling dives over the fairground at intervals, together with the thrill-spiral drops from great heights are certainly worth witnessing. The daring aviators have done some wonderful maneuvering, even though the weather was unfavorable. The wind had been very strong for all three days, making flights and "stunts" dangerous.

An additional attraction that is added to the program has been the riding of wild horses in the field in front of the grand stand. The local rider have put on some fine exhibitions of riding each afternoon. Dr. Dudley Roberts, who is a member of Irving Cobb's party, was particularly delighted with this feature of the program during his visit to the fair yesterday afternoon. Dr. Roberts admired the skill of the horsemen but when asked if he would like to try a bronco said he'd rather take a chance with the aviator.

The first race on the program for Thursday afternoon was a quarter mile dash and the following entries were made: Little Dog, by Sklens; Jimmie Louie, by Jim Richardson; Star, by Fred Oltman; Crow Camp, by Pat George; star won the race with Crow Camp second.

The potato race was next scheduled and had the following entries: Jim Louie, by Indian Louie; Blondie, by Long; Dandy by Hotchkiss; Dan, by Hawkins; Nellie, by Parsons; Teddie Bear by Mae; Baldie, by Cameron;

Papoose by Drummond. This is a three day relay race and covers all three days of the fair. Dandy has won two successive days and does not have to compete today for first place but others are contending for second place in the contest today.

In the three-eighths dash there were entered: Sunshine by Herald; Peanuts by Seloff; Tango by Hayes; Tango won with Sunshine second.

The relay race brought in four strings of horses; Cameron entered a string, Whiting, Moore and Hawkins. Cameron's string took two straight races the first and second days with Whiting's second. This eliminated the contest for today and the committee will substitute some other event in place of it this afternoon.

Friday's racing events brought out some of the same horses that competed the previous day. The half mile dash had as entries: Sunshine by Herald; Crow Camp by George; Tango by Hayes; Peanuts by Seloff; Trowbridge by Oltman; Dick Parker by Weston. Tango won the race with Peanuts second.

Some Indian pony races have been quite an attraction during the first two days and one this afternoon ridden by squaws will be an amusing feature without doubt.

The quarter mile dash yesterday afternoon brought out six entries: Dick by Drummond; Moonshine by Sklens; Chico by George; Star by Oltman; Dick Parker by Weston and Stranger by Hibbard. Star won with Dick second.

The pony race was won by Pearl Downs on Dick with the other entries stringing along which included Moonshine, Shorty, Carpet Tacks and an Indian pony.

CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION

Judge Dalton Biggs of the Circuit court arrived here from his home at Ontario last Sunday and on Monday morning opened an adjourned term of court. The holdover grand jury was assembled and begun the investigation of matters to come before it. They were in session up until yesterday morning when Mr. Peterson, one of the members, was reported too ill to attend the sessions whereupon the judge discharged the jury before any report had been made. Other matters are pending that should have the attention of a grand jury and it is likely upon convening the regular term next Monday another grand jury will be drawn. Those composing the one just discharged were A. K. Richardson, foreman; M. H. Brenton, P. C. Peterson, Wm. Theimer, Fred Brown, Doug Baker and Columbus Groves.

The Times-Herald is informed the jury brought in three true bills of indictment during the session and found one not true bill.

Among the out of town attorneys who have been in attendance during the week are J. W. McCulloch and W. H. Brooke of Ontario.

Judge Biggs has been listening to arguments and pleadings during the week upon law and equity cases and was ready to receive any reports from the grand jury.

Among the indictments returned were:

State vs. Ollie McCue—larceny of a steer. She entered a plea of guilty.

State vs. Frank McBurney—larceny in a dwelling. No plea has been entered.

GARAGE INSTALLS USEFUL MACHINE

The writer was privileged to inspect a new piece of machinery at the Universal Garage the other day. It is a hydraulic truck tire changer that is a big saving to the truck operators in this part of the country. Before this was installed it was necessary that the solid tire truck rims had been sent away to be removed or replaced, causing a delay of several days and adding a big expense bill. Now they can be taken care of right in Burns and this expense and delay eliminated.

The apparatus is powerful, capable of several tons of pressure and when a rim with the tire attached is placed under it the tire is removed by this pressure and the new one placed in position in the same manner.

The installation of this piece of machinery shows enterprise and merits the support of truck users.

NOTED WRITER AND HUMORIST VISITS US

Irving S. Cobb Guest of Bill Hanley; Talks to Teachers Visits The County Fair.

Irving Cobb, the well known magazine writer and humorist, with his party of hunters, were guests of William Hanley during the week and spent yesterday in this city. Mr. Cobb talked informally to the teachers at their institute yesterday afternoon and later took in the fair.

Judge Dalton Biggs introduced Mr. Cobb to the teachers as "America's greatest humorist and author."

Mr. Cobb was copious in his praise of Oregon and Oregon people. He said: "I feel that the boundaries of the state are a great latch string always on the outside and that the word 'Welcome' is tattooed on the hearts of the people. The South asks of a man, 'Who is he?' the North asks, 'How much has he got?' but the West asks, 'What can he do?' If I were boosting for Oregon, I'd boast not of its beautiful mountains, not of its gorgeous sunsets or of its tall pine trees, so tall that they surely tickle the toes of the Angels in Heaven, but the spirit of the people—it is a re-flaming and re-awakening of the old pioneer spirit—the pioneer who crossed the plains with a gun in his hand and a dog on his back, bringing the refining influences of civilization to the West.

"We hope to come back when the bob tail deer isn't so scarce, for I know that they knew that Dr. Roberts is the best shot west of the Mississippi and I the worst."

In closing after a delightfully humorous story characteristic of Mr. Cobb, he said, "Until you've come to Oregon, and slept on the sagebrush with pine boughs for a pillow, and experience the kind treatment we have had—until you've been to Oregon, you ain't never been nowhere and you ain't never seen nothin'."

Ford Starts Things.

High prices have been hit and things begin to tumble down. Last week The Times-Herald had a story written for that issue about Henry Ford starting the price down, but owing to his local representatives, the Burns Garage, taking up almost an entire page telling the people about it our story was crowded out.

Mr. Ford didn't have anything over his local representatives either, for they just "called the bell" by reducing prices on other materials they carry in addition to the Ford products—in fact the price reduction extended to practically every accessory they carry including tires, gas and oil.

Mr. Ford made the announcement that reductions would be made at once on all Ford products effective at once. This included all orders not yet delivered, even though they had been filed weeks or months previous. In the statement Mr. Ford said:

"Now is the time to call a halt on war methods, war prices, war profiteering and war greed. It may be necessary for everybody to stand a little sacrifice, but it will be most profitable after all, because the sooner we get the business of the country back to a pre-war condition, progress, prosperity and contentment will occupy the attention of the people.

"For the best interests of all, it is time that a real practical effort was made to bring the business of the country and the life of the country down to normal."

This announcement has been followed by other automobile concerns making their prices lower. The price reductions are not confined to autos, however, as big mail order houses have made announcements to the same effect. Montgomery Ward & Co., Sear & Roebuck and others are out with a reduction on clothing and state there will be still further reductions soon.

Sugar is also coming down and it will naturally follow that other articles in the grocery line will come down.