

INDUSTRIAL FAIR

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In order to enable this section to be well represented at the great National Irrigation Congress, which convenes at Sacramento, next week, the Southern Pacific has granted the low rate of \$11.25 for the round trip from Grants Pass and it looks as though a very representative delegation would be in attendance from this place. Among those who will likely go are the following prominent citizens: R. L. Cos, H. C. Kinney and L. B. Hall, and they will be joined by M. J. Anderson, superintendent of the Siskiyou and Ash and forest reserve. Oregon will send a strong delegation, headed by that indomitable worker, "Tom" Richardson, of Portland and they will all put in some good ticks for the coming Rogue River Irrigation Convention, in hopes of inducing many of the 3000 easterners who will be at the Sacramento gathering to stop here on their return trip to their eastern homes.

People of this valley should not forget the very low "Homeseekers" rates which will be in vogue on the S. P. beginning with September 1. The rate of \$25 will be given from Missouri river points, \$30 from Mississippi river points and \$35 from Chicago, and similarly low rates from other eastern sections. Write your friends back there and tell them to take advantage of this very low rate to come out and see this wonderful country.

One of the novel and attractive features of the coming fair will be a public auction which is to be inaugurated and in case it proves to be a success, as now seems very likely, it may become a permanent thing. Back east it is one of the regular features in many a community. Superintendent Meserve has secured the services of one of the best auctioneers in Oregon to make the sales, while A. T. Martin, who has had much experience in such matters will be sale manager. The fair management has secured the Drake warehouse that adjoins Sixth street, near the railroad track, where free storage will be given for all articles intended for sale at the auction, while the railroad stock yards have been obtained for the care of the livestock that is to be auctioned off. Barn room can be secured at the various livery stables in the city at very reasonable rates by those who wish to use the same. Each owner will be given a number and the articles or animals to be sold will be so designated, thus obviating the necessity of disclosing who the owner is and the name will only be found on the sales book. There is hardly a farmer throughout the country but what has some stock or article of farm machinery or otherwise that he does not need and which he might as well sell, while the city people will find the new plan to dispose of some useless furniture and thus get new pieces, or make disposition of household goods a very welcome innovation. Parties desiring to make use of the public auction should at once see Mr. Martin or Superintendent Meserve regarding the same.

E. F. Meisner, of Kerby, who, together with his three sons are operating a fine farm on the Illinois river, was in the city this week, hauling a load of machinery for a new sawmill which they are installing in that vicinity, for the purpose of furnishing material for a big barn they contemplate building and also for some other improvements and likewise to provide lumber for that community. He is a great worker for the fair and will not only make a fine exhibit from his farm but also endeavor to have all his neighbors do the same, for that is one of the richest parts of the county and can make a fine showing if the folks out that way only conclude to do so. He has

a band of high grade Shropshire sheep and last Spring he imported a fine, thoroughbred ram. He also has some excellent milk cows of mixed breed. Recently he purchased a Red Polled bull, which he hopes to have here on exhibition at the fair.

M. D. L. Crooks, one of the pioneer farmers of the Deer Creek region has been in the city the past week and he is a member of the fair committee to rustle up exhibits for the fair and he is putting forth every effort to have his section well represented in the matter. He will himself, have a fine showing of grains, grasses and fruits of all kinds.

Dr. Henry Klopfer, of Kerby, the well known physician and fruit grower came in a few days ago and gave evidence of the fact that he is putting in some good ticks for the big fair and he reports that there will be a large attendance from this part of the county. His section of the county will have a fine display of its products on exhibition.

E. N. Provolt, the dairyman, horse raiser and successful stockman of the valley was in to report that Applegate valley might be expected to be heard from in fine style. He boasts some of the finest cattle that are to be found anywhere and he thinks that the showing to be made at the fair along that line will be a big surprise for any for he thinks it will be fully equal to that made at any of the big fairs.

Sheriff Russell, the energetic chairman of the committee on cattle exhibit is out on the Illinois valley, this week, doing some valuable service in rustling up good exhibits from that promising region. That section of the county has as many and possibly more registered lines stock than can be found in any part of Southern Oregon. On his return he will stop in Applegate valley to stir up the people to the great importance of putting forth their very best efforts in coming up to the fair with their fine displays of all kinds.

C. O. Rusel, one of the successful farmers of the Jump-off-Joe district sends in word that the committee having the matter in hand might as well save for him the premium for having the finest four-month-old, half Percheron colt. He is a good judge of fine horses and so he will likely make a fine exhibit at the fair along that line.

Wm. Cameron, one of the prominent farmers of the Upper Applegate valley, residing near Koch is also after that prize and he too wants the first prize for having the finest five-month-old, half Percheron colt and horsemen who have seen the splendid animal declare that it will be very hard to surpass.

H. D. Eismann, chairman of the committee on fruit exhibit and also for the providing of materials for the big reception and melon and fruit feast which will be tendered the large number of distinguished visitors at the Eismann Bros. big packing house, has been getting in touch with fruit growers all over the county, urging them to send in their best products. Although the fair comes at a bad time, when the early fruit is gone and before the late fruit makes appearances, yet he thinks that the showing made will be very creditable and that it will serve to open the eyes of the host of visitors from outside points. The speakers will arrive from Sacramento, for the most part, Sunday evening and then they will be given a fine drive Monday forenoon in South Rogue River valley and in the afternoon down on this side of the river stopping at the large three story packing house for the reception, melon and fruit feast which will be tendered there.

All visiting fruit growers, as well as members of the Commercial Club and the ladies will be welcome at this interesting event. Eismann Bros. are preparing to furnish all the way from three wagon loads to

a car of fine melons, while the supply of casabas, cantelopes peaches, strawberries, pears, apples and other fruits which the other growers provide, will be had in abundance. Mr. Eismann requests all growers who wish to have a hand in this commendable undertaking to send in their fruits to the Cold Storage Co., or to Supt. Meserve's office by Saturday of next week, or the Monday following. In this connection he states that Ed Lister, manager of the Grants Pass/Crescent City stage line and Ed Herriott, of the Applegate Valley & Grants Pass stage have very kindly offered to bring in all fruit exhibits that are not too bulky, free of charge.

Supt. Meserve has received a communication from C. A. Malboeuf, district S. P. freight agent, stating that special rates will be given on all exhibits intended for the fair to be returned to their destination free of charge, the sender paying the charges one way and in case the goods are perishable and not suitable for returning, the railroad people will, upon a certificate to that effect by the secretary of the fair, refund the money paid for the freight one way.

"Tom" Richardson, the Portland hustler writes that there will be a very fine delegation from Oregon in attendance upon the National Irrigation Congress, which convenes at Sacramento, next week and that they will do all in their power to have the many eastern visitors to stop off and take in the Oregon Irrigation Convention at Grants Pass. He is very enthusiastic over the excellent prospects for the coming event and thinks that great good will naturally result from it.

Geo. Pass, Agent, Wm. McMurray, of the S. P. lines in Oregon has written the management, stating that the superb collection of 38 beautiful photographs, showing Oregon scenes, which have been on exhibition in the eastern cities and which will form one of the art exhibits at the big Sacramento gathering, will be sent here for use in the art display which the ladies are planning to make. This was a very welcome and agreeable surprise to the management and will add much to the interest of the occasion.

J. T. Morrison, one of the active members of the committee on the fruit exhibit, was in the city this week and he brings very encouraging reports of the interest that is being taken in the fair all over the county. He is doing some excellent work in securing fine fruit for the big melon and fruit feast which is proposed to give the visitors at the Eismann packing house on Monday preceding the fair. He is quite enthusiastic over the bright outlook for the success of the fair.

The committee which has the goat exhibit in charge at the fair, consists of postmaster C. E. Harmon, of this city, who has 450 head of fine animals on his Deer Creek place, F. A. Pierce, the Jump-off-Joe stock raiser, living below Merlin, who has 300 head and R. C. Churchill, the Selma postmaster and general merchant, met in the city Tuesday to perfect plans for the very excellent showing they confidently expect the goat men of Rogue River Valley to make. It is estimated that there are fully 2000 goats in Josephine county and as many more in Jackson county. Many are registered and all are of a high grade. These raisers are hoping to organize a Rogue River Valley Goat Raisers' Association during the fair, for the purpose of mutual benefit in many practical ways.

While the ladies' rest room has been provided in the Churchill store-room, the men have not been overlooked, but will find their comfort looked after at the Commercial Club rooms, where chairs, stationery and anything that can add to their comfort will be provided.

One of the busiest men about the city these days is Mr. H. C. Kinney,

of the committee of arrangements, whose whole heart has been in the making of the fair a great big success. He has been at work, helping here, there and everywhere and consulting with the men at work and lending a helping hand wherever he could get a half chance to do so. If the fair is a grand success, as now seem entirely possible, no one will rejoice more than will Mr. Kinney.

The committee on decorations, consisting of A. E. Churchill, Mrs. H. C. Demaray, Mrs. O. H. Sampson, Mrs. Fred Gumpert and Mrs. Frank Mashburn wants all the nice flowers it is possible for the people of Grants Pass to bring. These will be needed in decorating the opera house, where the convention is to be held, for the reception rooms and the pavilion. All persons who will help in this important matter are requested to bring flowers the day before the convention opens and then to bring them each day of the convention.

C. G. Robinson, A. T. Martin and C. H. Diffenderfer, the committee having in hand the swine exhibit at the fair are making a superhuman effort to have a fine showing along this line and they have assurance from all over the county, from growers to the effect that they will be on hand with some mighty fine specimens of Rogue River swine.

C. C. Robinson, who, with his father, J. H. Robinson and his brother, R. L. Robinson, are conducting a large stock and fruit farm on Applegate, near Wilderville, was here, Tuesday and he brings good word from his section regarding the interest being taken in the fair. They are breeders of Short Horn cattle and Poland China hogs, having eight registered Short Horns and four eligibles, with eight grades, and they also have some 60 head of Poland China hogs. They expect to make a nice exhibit at the fair and will endeavor to have their neighbors do likewise.

Four committees are busily engaged in canvassing the residence portion of the city, with a view to making a complete registry of all places that can be rented by visitors and this will undoubtedly be greatly appreciated by the many strangers who will pass through the city during fair week and it is indeed a very excellent idea to thus look after the personal comfort of the visitors for they will go back home, voting the people of Grants Pass as royal entertainers. This list of rooms will be kept on file at the office of Secretary Marshall, of the fair management and will be of much value to the entertainment committee.

The important matter of having plenty of amusements of a wholesome nature is in the hands of a competent committee, of which Dr. E. H. White is the bustling chairman and he tells the Courier that some very interesting events are being planned for. For instance, it is hoped that Prof. R. R. Berry, the successful balloonist will give an exhibition on the grounds days and it looks as though the plans for that feature would be a "go." Then the aquatic sports promise to be of unusual high order and decidedly attractive. For instance, Dr. White tells of the river sports, which will take place on the Rogue River, near the big steel bridge, on Sixth street, when there will be daily public boat races of an exciting nature and canoe races, swimming races, high diving and canoe maneuvering contests that will add very materially to the interest of the occasion. Then too, it is proposed to have a grand "Baby Show" the like of which has not been seen in these parts for many a day. Particulars of this event will be announced in the next issue of the Courier. It is safe to predict that the amusement committee will leave no stone unturned to please the throngs during the fair and this will undoubtedly be one of the drawing cards for the gathering. It is just possible that the

amusement committee may succeed in securing at one of the great attractions a match game of baseball between the Portland and Los Angeles league teams which are to be holding forth in the northern metropolis. Although this is not an as yet an assured fact, yet the committee is putting forth every effort to bring it about.

Those desiring to rent space on the fair grounds for exhibition purposes should apply to Secretary Marshall, at the Telephone office at once, as the desirable places are being rapidly taken and those who want to make a good showing should get in at once and secure good positions.

Henry Bacher has done the handsome thing by the fair management in offering it the free use of his vacant lot, adjoining the power plant, for any purpose it may see fit to use the same to help along with the fair.

An important meeting is called for the various all committees to be held at the Commercial Club rooms, at 7 o'clock, sharp, Saturday evening. Reports from the committees will be made and matters of vital interest to every citizen interested in the success of the fair and the convention will be considered. All members of the different committees are urged to be in attendance and all citizens at all interested are urged to come out to offer suggestions and to participate in the proceedings of the meeting. This meeting should be very largely attended.

The committee having in hand the horse exhibit, which is composed of Messrs. Geo. Lewis, H. L. Reed and Fred Knox met in the office of Supt. Meserve yesterday and considered matters of importance with regard to the horse show at the coming fair. They report that they have been receiving very much encouragement from the owners of horses all over the valley and that everything seems to indicate that there will be a most excellent showing along this line at the meeting.

The question as to what kind of horses will be allowed to compete for the premiums has arisen and the committee passed rules governing this matter and many other such things. Only registered stallions can try for the prizes, but any good brood mare can enter the lists, although colts except those under 2 years will have to be registered, only those having a registered sire and dam will be permitted to contest for the honors. The premium list is not complete and there will be several special awards made which are not mentioned on it. One interesting feature of the horse showing will be the parade and then will come a "Tug of War" with horses pulling against each other. The teams will be hitched to a stone boat and the teams which pulls the longest and the greatest distance will carry off the honors. The committee proposes to make the horse exhibit one of the very best if not the best of all the fair and from all reports they will come near succeeding in their undertaking.

"Grants Pass will keep open house during the convention and fair," remarked an enthusiastic citizen who is doing all in his power to make the fair a great big success. "The hotels, restaurants, lodging houses, and private homes will throw open their doors to the visitors and the prices charged will be not one bit larger than when no such event is taking place. You may say that Grants Pass people propose to make all necessary preparations and that there will be plenty of accommodations for all who come. We mean to give the strangers a most favorable impression of our city and people. This reminds me that each person should clean up his yard and make things around his home place look as neat and attractive as possible. This is Grants Pass' chance to do some most effective advertising. Let's all pull together!"



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