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Some irresponsible scribbler is authority for the report that Secretary Wilson will leave President Taft's cabinet early in 1910.

We are told that Secretary Ballinger is through with Mr. Glavis, the deposed chief of the Seattle land office, but Mr. Glavis isn't quite through with Mr. Ballinger.

To conform to the recent increase of letter registration from 8 to 10 cents, the post office department has decided to issue a 12 cent stamp, so that an ordinary letter stamp may pay postage and registration.

A man of a right spirit is not a man of narrow and private views, but is generally interested and concerned for the good of the community to which he belongs, and particularly of the city or village in which he resides, and for the true welfare of the society of which he is a member.

Marphy the man who assumed charge of Dr. Cook's stores on Peary's orders was being fessed by new found friends at Sydney the night before the Roosevelt left there, and when the ship sailed was not on board, probably drunk ashore. Will he come home in the ship which Dr. Cook is sending for the instruments which Peary refused to bring out?

Mr. Harriman was said to have expressed the wish that he was a farmer instead of a financier, because it would have meant for him greater contentment and happiness. There are many wishes which are unattainable, but the wish for a farmer's life could have been realized by Mr. Harriman any day he chose. He had but to turn his back on Wall street and stick close to the soil. But evidently it was but a sentimental wish, not meant to be taken seriously, and that is the case with many of our expressed preferences.

Very few will disagree with J. J. Hill about the evil effects of the continuous drift from the country to the city. It was hoped that the improved social conditions now enjoyed on the farm, and the higher prices obtained for farm produce, would turn the tide, or at the very least check the flow, but the hope has not been realized. And yet ultimately it will come to that. Smaller farming with corresponding increased yield per acre, better roads and further improvements in rural social life, will with the growing sentiment of the struggle for existence in cities, lead to better balancing of rural and urban population.

All that Central Oregon has needed to open up the Pacific New West wheat belt is a railroad, and with two lines now entering that section it will be a matter of only a short time before the country will develop. Increasing the wheat yield will not reduce prices. James J. Hill says that within six years the United States will be importing wheat. If he is correct in his prediction, wheat and flour, instead of being shipped from the Pacific New West to the Orient, will be sent to the east, and we will be raising wheat for home consumption exclusively. With such a condition of affairs there is not much danger of prices falling through the exploitation of wheat fields in Central Oregon. Pitch in, ye homeowners.

HOGS SAVE THE WHEAT.

The cry that thousands of bushels of grain will be lost in the Palouse country, especially near Pullman, where the grain was unusually heavy and fell down worse than other places where the yield was lighter, is destined to prove a false alarm; farmers are sending for hogs to turn into their fields and the greater part of this grain will be saved. There are a greater number of hogs in the country than people realize but there are not enough to save all of the grain, and enterprising farmers immediately arranged to import hogs in carload lots, J. S. Klemgard was among the first to agitate the importation of stock hogs. Mr. Klemgard bought all the stock hogs he could find and then began agitating the question of importing from other places and the hogs came; other farmers followed.

With wheat selling at 75 to 85 cents it is not profitable to feed hogs if they have to be fed on threshed grain, but in this case the hogs will gather up what otherwise would be lost and what they gain in weight will be net profit to the farmer. One farmer has enough wheat down on his 400 acre ranch to fatten 600 head of hogs and unless he can get the hogs his wheat will be a total loss. Hogs will gather it all up, if given time, and it will do them almost as much good as grain that has been threshed. It begins to look like many farmers will add several hundred dollars to their net income this year by turning hogs into their fields and saving this grain which was thought to be lost.

One reason for American prosperity lies in the fact that foreign capital feels safer here than at home.

The earth hasn't had a shower of star dust since February 1894, but one is promised from Halley's comet next May.

To the office of treasurer of the United States, vacated by Charles H. Treat's resignation, the president has now appointed an old Yale friend Lee McClung, of Knoxville, Tenn.

President Gomez, of Cuba, has called a special session of congress to provide relief for the sufferers from the recent hurricane in Pinar del Rio when many lives were lost, and property damaged to the value of \$6,000,000. Thousands of houses were wrecked and the larger part of the tobacco crop was destroyed. Famine is now camping in the wake of the storm. The Isle of Pine also suffered heavily.

The interesting discovery that the atmosphere over the polar regions is colder at an altitude of six miles than at ten has been made by Prof. Hergesell, who sent up a registering balloon from the prince of Monaco's yacht at Tromsø, Norway, in September of 1906. Last month this balloon with its instruments intact was found by Inslauders on a glacier near Skibotten. A height of 17,000 meters, about two miles, was indicated by the altitude recording instrument. The lowest temperature registered was minus 60 degrees centigrade, but this figure was found to have registered at a height of six miles, whereas the temperature registered at the maximum altitude of ten miles was minus 47 centigrade. This is the first proof that the inverse layer of the air in which the temperature rises after a certain point exists over the polar regions as elsewhere. The warmer layers occur lower at the poles than at the equator.

That 14 cent jump in the price of wheat at Chicago on the 30th, was a gamble between Armour and Patten. It was the closest cut of any corner in many years. The Patten deal of last spring was an open secret long before final delivery day, but what happened last week came out of a clear sky. One long with 5,000 bushels to his credit snatched his profit at \$1.10 and then watched what became of his sale. In the next 30 minutes it changed hands 28 times on an advancing scale. Brokerage commissions on the various transfers aggregated over \$1,350. Little wheat came out until \$1.18 was reached. At this figure, and above, a neat profit was garnered, deliveries amounting to 615,000 bushels going to scattered interests. It was necessary to extend the delivery period three times before the last account was squared. The hour for delivery of actual wheat is from 1.30 to 2 p. m. It was 3.45 before the last transfer had been made. The deal was practically a one day affair, and the advance was far ahead of anything recorded in the last 15 years.

SHERMAN COUNTY FAIR CLOSURE.

The 1st Sherman County Fair Greater Success than was Expected.

Receipts and Number and Class of Exhibits Exceed Anticipations.

Saturday evening marked the close of the first meeting of the Sherman County Agricultural Society. It was a good fair, and the people of the county were generous in their response to the invitation of the management to take part in the occasion.

The success of this, the first effort in this line, shows that the people of Sherman county are progressive, as a rule, and stand ready to let the world know that this county is with the advance guard in all that pertains to agriculture, horticulture, stock raising, and the arts. Exhibits in these lines were in many ways fine, and far surpass those made at other and larger county fairs. This is especially true of the exhibit of young horses, as there was one of the best displays of yearlings, and two and three year old colts on the grounds ever made in the state, and would challenge comparison with the same class of stock anywhere. So also was the exhibits of county grains, fruits, vegetables, etc.; they show that we are up and abreast of the older portions of the state in these productions, and as development goes on there will be more and more of these products from year to year.

List of Premiums.

- R E Morgan, standard stallion Grand Ronde Chief 1st
Double drivers, Charles Powell 1st, W A Woods 2d
Single drivers, R E Morgan 1st, O P Hulce 2d, Arthur Smith 3d
Non-standard 2-yr old, R E Morgan 1st
Non-standard yearling, R E Morgan 1st
Non-standard sucking colt, W E Morgan 1st
Percheron stallions, Kent Farmers' Horse Co., Diamond 1st, L L Peetz, Roy Powell, Colanthe 2d
Perche on mares, 3 yrs old and over, with colts, AC Thompson, Bernhilda, Bernella 1st & 2d
Percheron stallion, yearling, A C Thompson, Casadey 1st
Belgian stallion, Grass Valley Horse Breeders association Founders 1st, C A Buckley, Louben 2d
German Coach stallion, G W Hildebrand, Kanemis 1st
Heavy draft team, 2800 lbs and over, I N Lemon 1st, A C Thompson 2d, C A Buckley 3d
Light draft teams 2200 lbs and over, W S Powell 1st (I N Lemon disqualified by weight)
Draft mare or gelding, 3 yrs and over, C A Buckley 1st, C A Buckley 2d, Omer Sayrs 3d
S N Millard competing.
Draft mare or gelding, 2 yrs old, J M Marlin 1st, O C Mortensen, 2 entries 2d, Robert Urquhart, do 3d
W S Powell, C A Buckley competing.
Yearling draft, I N Lemon 1st, C A Buckley 2d, A C Thompson 3d
Best family of 5, R E Morgan 1st, I N Lemon 2d
Best sucking colt, G R Matthes, 2 entries 1st, J B Coon 2d, 3d
Chris Anderson 1st
C J Thompson, D E Vintin, W C Davis, T C Morrison, Geo. Rubman, competing.
German Coach colts, J B Morrison 1st, I N Lemon 2d, J D Murphy 3d

Men's Saddle horse.

- Roy Powell 1st, Charles Powell 2d, John McCune competing
Hereford cattle, A H Barnum 5 1/2 1st, Shropshire sheep, E E Barnum 3 1st, Leon Strong 2d
Angora goats, Truman Strong 1st
Berkshire swine, L L Peetz 3 1/2 1st
Rhode Island Reds (chick-ns), C J Thompson 1st, Ora Elliott 2d, I N Lemon 3d
Barred Rock, I N Lemon 1st
White Wyandottes, O B Messenger 1st
Golden Seabright Bantams, Truman Strong 1st, Tom Tomlin 2d
Pekin Ducks, Mrs Robt Urquhart 1st, Neil Freeman 2d
Toulouse Geese, Mrs Robt Urquhart 1st
Field corn, best stalk, H W Strong 1st, H E Martin 2d
Pop-corn on the ear, Maggie Barnum 1st
Red Chaff wheat, F A Sayrs 1st
Turkey Red wheat, L L Peetz 1st
Club wheat, L L Peetz 1st
Forty fold wheat, E E Barnum 1st
Winter wheat, I M Underwood 1st
Blue stem wheat, H W Strong 1st
Beardless barley, H W Strong 2d, L L Peetz 1st
Oats, E E Barnum 1st
Sheaf Sweet corn, E E Barnum 1st
Fi-ld corn on the ear, C A Buckley 1st
Amber Cane, C A Buckley 1st
OREGON MANUFACTURES.
Weed destroyer, J H Landry 1st
Tourist bed, G G DeMoss 1-4
DAIRY PRODUCTS.
Butter, Mrs J C Hockman 1st
DOMESTIC PROCESS.
Potato rising bread, Mrs J C McKean 1st, Mrs E H Moore 2d
Boston Brown bread, Mrs J B Mowry 1st
Baking Powder biscuits, Mrs E E Barnum 1st, Mrs O B Messenger 2d
Coffee cake, Mrs L Barnum 1st
Cocoanut Layer cake, Mrs J B Mowry 1st
Nut cake and Fruit cake, Mrs Robt Urquhart 2 1st
DOMESTIC PROCESS. (Girls, under 16 years of age)
Potato rising bread, Nina Searcy 1st, Lola Messenger 2d
Graham bread, Mary Kunsman 1st
Baking Powder biscuits, Mary Kunsman 1st
Layer cake, Lola Messenger 1st, Neta Frock 2d
Loaf cake, Neta Frock 1st
Angel cake, Ina Hansen 1st, Nina Searcy 2d
FRUITS.
Spitzenberg apples, FR Messenger 1st, Grapes, H W Strong 1st
VEGETABLES.
Pumpkin, H W Strong 1st
Parsnips, Maggie Barnum 1st
I M Underwood 2d
Onions, I M Underwood 1st, H W Strong 2d
Carrots, Maggie Barnum 1st, I M Underwood 2d

Boots, I M Underwood 1st

- Mangel wuzel, I M Underwood 1st
Squash, I M Underwood 1st
Largest Squash, I M Underwood 1st
Cabbage, Carl Peetz 1st, George Meloy 2d
Kale, Carl Peetz 1st
Hops, Carl Peetz 1st
Lettuce, Mrs Heydt 1st
Wanderberries, G G DeMoss 1st
Potatoes, best exhibit, Carl Peetz 1st, L L Peetz 2d
Potatoes, early, I M Underwood 1st, do late, I M Underwood 1st
FLOWERS.
Fern, Dr Marie M Goffin 1st, Mrs E H Moore 2d
Asters, Mrs L Barnum 1st, Mrs L Sells 2d
Sweet Peas, Mary Kunsman 2d
Christmas cactus, Mrs L Sells 1st
Asparagus spray, Mrs L Sells 1st
Parlor bouquet, Mrs Wm Henrichs 1st
PYROGRAPHY.
Burnt wood Magazine rack, Mrs S H Baker 1st
Burnt panel, Mrs Lottie Lee 1st and 2d
ART WORK.
Scenery, oil painting, Mrs H J Bruce 1st, Mrs Mary McDanel 2d
Amateur crayon work, Wm Henrichs 1st and 2d
LADIES' FANCY WORK.
Drawn work Center piece, Mrs H J C Umberger 1st & 2d
Embroidery Center piece, Mrs E H Moore 1st, Mrs W B Johnston 2d
Hardinger Lunch cloth, Mrs E H Moore 1st, Mrs J C McKean 2d
Shadow eyelid embroidery, Mrs Robt Urquhart 1st
French eyelid embroidery, Mrs Robt Urquhart 1st
Reposese braid work, Mrs Robt Urquhart 1st
Battenberg center piece, Mrs R J Baker 1st
Net embroidery, Mrs George Matthes 1st
White embroidery, Mrs Clyde Smith 1st
Colored embroidery, Mrs S H Baker 1st, Mrs E H Moore 2d
Crazy-patch-work, Sofa pillow, Mrs Mary McDanel 1st
Best three quilts, Mrs F A Sayrs 1st
Best quilt, Mrs Clyde Smith 1st & 2d
FANCY WORK. (Girls, under 16 years of age)
Drawn work Dorlie, Mary Kunsman 1st

Several races were run the first day of the fair.
RE Morgan won the trotting harness race, L L Peetz competing.
J M Marlin won the saddle race with G R Matthes second. So large a field started in this race that the judges divided it into two heats; the winners of each to compete in the final heat.
Chas. Belshes's horse won over A C Thompson in the pony race.
The four lap saddle race was won by Roy Belshes, A K Axtell competing.
The girls race was won by Bessie Watkins, Helen Hansen competing.

Late in the afternoon of Saturday an automobile race was run over the road leading south from Moro by way of L L Peetz' and W S Powell's into Moro from the west, distance 7 and 3-10 miles; winning car the one making it nearest to 20 minutes. Eleven cars started, W H Ragsdale won by exact time; I D Pike second, in 19 3-4; F Medler third, in 19 1-2; H S McDanel and Elmer Heath did the quickest time, each in exactly 18 minutes.

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