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Christmas and New Years dinner

The publisher of the Observer is certainly receiving a good start for the coming year; what is better than a good dinner on New Years day, such as the invitation received from Messrs Belshee and Kenny to try their bachelor cooking at their home the day they entertain the family; as if that was not plenty for the upbuilding of the editor our friend J. C. Hockman presented us with a tender turkey for our Christmas dinner; we consider that a very good beginning for the coming year and hope it won't go back on us for we have no rabbits foot to keep up the good luck.

Toy Land Grown Up.

Among the interesting amusement concessions to be presented at the "midway" at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, will be "Toyland Grown Up," a walled city in which the buildings will be enlarged reproductions of children's toys. The concession will be presented by Frederick Thompson, the famous creator of Luna Park at Coney Island. Toyland Grown Up will be almost an exposition in itself, covering twelve acres, costing more than \$1,000,000. It will require more than 4,000,000 feet of lumber and its streets and canals if stretched in a row will be five miles long. The walled city will be entered by three mammoth gates; the first gate will be the Gate of Fun; the second gate will be the Gate of Fairyland, the gate of beauty; the third gate is the entrance to the City of the Wicked King, where is held captive the doll princess; this is the Gate of Thrills. Among other features of Toyland will be Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, sixty feet high; the Great Shoe, as large as a six story city building, and built, in part, in the form of a side wheel steamer, since it will have huge wheels by means of which the sightseer will be raised aloft. In Toyland, too, there will be the City of Peter Pan, the town that never grew up.

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OUR COUNTY FAIR

Words in Appreciation of Efforts Made in Securing a Permanent Organization

Every resident of Sherman county who may visit this city or vicinity and particularly those residing in Moro, should see to it that they make a visit to the Sherman County Fair Association grounds and investigate the work that has been continuously under way since the location of the grounds at the present site.

Take it from the inception of the idea that Sherman county have a fair of its own; when the first county fair ever held in this county was tacked onto the tail end of a hot Fourth of July celebration, up to the present time, the same men have been the moving spirit in all endeavors to have and maintain an exposition of the varied products and industries of Sherman county.

After it was seen that the financial loss accruing by exposure of live stock and horses in the hot days of July was a large detriment to permanency then the date was changed to the fall of the year. But without other assistance than their own efforts the fair would be a failure; at this point the state legislature helped the project with a very small annual appropriation.

Then handicap of a permanent home had to be met and surmounted; this was done with the help of the county in securing for their own county fair the necessary funds with which to secure the present location. The city of Moro donated the fencing and grand stand then owned by it and located in the Park, but the fair association had to move the material with the help of voluntary labor.

That is the history in few words of the organization, location, and the beginning of the present improvements to be seen at the Sherman County Fair grounds, but it does not indicate the sacrifice and hard and persistent work by those selected by the county court to guide the affairs of the young organization; men selected because it was known they would neglect their own affairs for the new enterprise and who virtually so promised to do before receiving their appointment.

When the grounds were first secured grading had to be done to secure a track and level off the rough places; this has gone on year by year until now there are forty head of horses employed at the present time in moving four feet off the top of a little more than four acres and making a wider, more safe, and more level track; as well as removing obstructions to the view of a race from the grand stand at all times while contestants are competing.

When the work now under way is finished there will be a fill of twenty feet at the north end of the fair grounds, to raise the track to grade; there will be a fill of two feet in front of the grand stand; and a six foot fill just south of the grand stand; while the turns will be banked to a height of six feet all around the track, to prevent any possible accident during an exciting race.

To do this work eight fresnos with four horses each are constantly in motion during working hours, more resembling a merry-go-round; with the slowest team setting the pace; and that team is not so very slow. The drivers do nothing but keep their team in motion; Clarence Rutledge leading and Arthur Phillips placing the dirt. The dirt is all coming from the center, particular attention being paid the higher parts to see that all are reduced as much as possible.

The men employed are living at the fair grounds, using the restaurant building as a mess hall, which was ceiled and a kitchen addition built to provide accommodation needed. The culinary department is under charge of Mrs. Will Shearer and the men say that there is no waiting, when they are ready, meals are ready for them. The general supervision is entrusted to Will Shearer, who is in immediate charge of the horses and barn and sees to it that the teams are properly taken care of and fed; while the general superintending and directing is in charge of L. L. Peetz. A. H. Barnum and L. L. Peetz each have twelve head of horses working at

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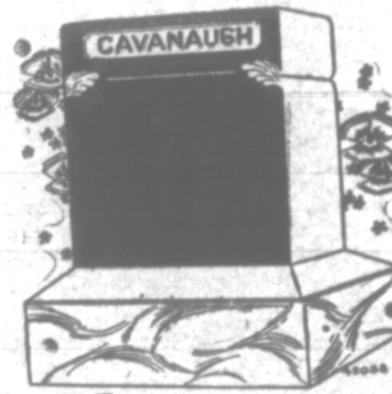
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