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A Wasco county girl has married a man because he wrote his name upon the shell of a fresh egg. She must have forgotten where the salt shaker was kept.

The English and French, Russians, Germans, Austrians, Servians, Belgians, etc., are more and more coming to the conclusion that Sherman's definition of war was an insult to the one place that all like to think they will never see.

The little Ford car that made a record of 44 miles an hour on the Sherman county fair track last week is the same car that ran away from the Buick racer "Bill" at the track exhibition race in The Dalles the week of the Wasco county fair.

J. W. Brewer, manager of the farm bureau department of the Oregon State Immigration Commission, was a visitor in Moro during county fair week. Mr. Brewer was seeking land listed for sale, the information to be given free of charge to those seeking homes in Oregon.

If angel cake is Angel Food, then we are up a few pegs. The manager of the Observer received a generous sample of the cake placed on exhibit at the fair by Mrs. H. W. Strong; also a good "taste" of the angel cake prepared by Miss Vivian Strong for the school children's exhibit, and another generous sample of angel cake on exhibit from the home culinary department presided over by Mrs. J. C. Hockman.

FAIR EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS.

Exhibits Varied and Competition General. Attendance Record Broken.

The fifth annual Sherman County District Agricultural Fair has passed into history, carrying with it the opinion of all who attended that this fair was the best ever held in this county, considering the large amount of interest taken and the variety of entertainment offered, as well as quality exhibit of stock, cattle, horses, sheep, goats, swine, poultry, etc.

The weather was all that could be desired for the first three days of the fair. Friday evening, about nine o'clock, it began to rain and kept at it intermittently until well along in the forenoon of Saturday, but when the speed program was put on at one o'clock, only two small mudholes were to be found on the track.

The Sherman County Fair is essentially a Farmers' Fair. It is officered by farmers, with the exception of the secretary, and receives but little support aside from voluntary subscriptions and work on the part of the fair officers and citizens of the county.

During the past year, with the help of the county court, funds were some how provided for the grading of the center of the race track to a level below the fence line of the back stretch and the widening and raising of the track to nearly a perfect level. This made necessary a fill of 25 feet at one end and 12 feet at the other end of the track and the moving of thousands of yards of earth, with comparatively no money to do it. Also a new barn was built to accommodate the racing teams, thus separating them from the horses on exhibit. A combination judges' stand and band stand was also built during the last year, as well as a large confectionery stand. Besides these buildings there is a grand stand with seating capacity of 800, and exhibition buildings for fancy work, farm products, horses, cattle, poultry, a second refreshment stand, and a restaurant building that includes equipment, and which is open from early morning until late at night during the days of the fair.

There were three afternoons of speed program this year, beginning close to one o'clock and terminating after five each afternoon. Interspersed with this program were hippodrome races, trick and fancy riding and bucking contests. Each day was also pulled off a chariot race between Ben Hur and Messala, driven by W. E. Newton of Moro and R. B. Hailey of Wasco. This race was as near as possible an exact replica of the Roman chariots, four horses abreast, and the horses are pushed to their utmost speed from the beginning. Automobile races, motorcycle races, and a race against time by a Ford car that made as high as forty-four miles an hour on a half-mile track were features of the fair.

The big day was Friday, when Moro entertained a crowd of excursionists from The Dalles and intermediate points. Besides the large number coming by train, there were a score or more of autos from out of the county, each with a capacity load. The regular train for Shaniko was held that evening until six o'clock to accommodate those who lived in the southern part of the county. During the afternoon close to 200 autos were counted grouped around the band stand watching the track events.

At noon of Friday the Hooligan Band of The Dalles, composed of the business men of that city, dressed in fantastic garb, took the center of the street and furnished music for those seeking lunch. It did not seem to occur to members of the band that all were not playing the same tune; they were more in accord with the popular air entitled "Everybody's Doing It."

The exhibits at the fair were well up to the usual amount and quality, except in the horticultural division. Here the season for local fruits had made impossible as complete an exhibit as former years. This year the fruit of Sherman county has been consistently ahead of the usual schedule, and this made it impossible to have as good a display as was desired.

The two Seale brothers were at the fair this year and furnished some of the special track features,

using mostly local horses. In the hippodrome races the horses of I. N. Lemon were used for the first time for the purpose on any track, and they performed well together, running even and true. The last day one of the Seales was thrown in this race when the horses tried to leave the track for the barn, but he remounted and started over. The other Seale brother was thrown in the running pony race the same afternoon when the saddle turned with him, but he was not seriously hurt.

The evenings of Thursday and Friday the young people of Moro put on two home talent dramatic productions, which were presented to capacity houses. The young actors acquitted themselves of the effort to amuse the visiting public in a very satisfactory manner. After the dramatic company had dismissed their audience the opera house was cleared for dancing, this being the most popular amusement each evening of the fair.

The officers of the fair, as well as the citizens of Sherman county, are appreciative of the effort made by The Dalles to attend the fair. It gives all the visitors from outside the county an opportunity of seeing each for himself the amount invested in permanent improvements for the Sherman County Fair, its many ways of improving the farming industry of the section it serves, and the loyal way it is supported and encouraged by the people of the county generally.

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