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JACKSON COUNTY THIRD AT OREGON STATE FAIR.

This County Makes Good Showing of her Resources Far From Home.

The jury of awards on the county exhibit at the State Fair at Salem gave third place to Jackson County's exhibit. Marion County, whose varied resources are all easily available for display, won first place, while Lane, which is a near by county, secured second place. Linn was given the fourth prize, Douglas fifth, Benton sixth, Columbia seventh.

The following were the prizes offered for the best display of agricultural and horticultural products from any county in the state: First, \$300; second, \$250; third, \$200; fourth, \$150; fifth, sixth and seventh places, \$100 each.

The awards were made on the following basis: Garden products, embracing vegetables, seeds, melons, etc., 15; orchard products, green, dried and preserved, 15; grasses and forage plants, 15; grains, 15; arrangement, 10; quality, 30; total, 100.

Considering the disadvantages Jackson County labored under by reason of the short time taken to gather the exhibits and the distance which it was necessary to ship exhibits, the result ought to be gratifying to this county, and is quite complimentary to Mr. J. E. Watt, who had charge of the gathering of the exhibits, and to Miss Kalliope Ritner, who assisted in arranging them artistically, as well as to Judge Dunn and the County Court in directing the work.

The Oregonian's Fair correspondent comments on the award this way: "That Marion's exhibit was the best is generally agreed, but there is some controversy as to whether it would have been best if all counties had made exhibits on the same basis. There are many who think Jackson would have given Marion a close run for first place had it made its exhibit under the same rules governing the Marion exhibit. The printed rules provided particularly that 'all exhibits are to be the product of 1906.' It seems that some officer of the State Fair Board sent out instructions to the effect that products exhibited at the Lewis and Clark Fair last year could be included in the county exhibits, but neither the Jackson nor the Columbia County exhibitors learned of this, and Jackson left at home an immense display of canned fruits and other products that would have added greatly to the merit of its exhibit."

- JACKSON COUNTY EXHIBIT.**
- Grains—Wheat, oats, rye, barley, corn.
 - Grasses—Timothy, orchard grass, red clover, alfalfa.
 - Fruits—Peaches, grapes, strawberries, plums, apples, pears.
 - Vegetables—Tomatoes, onions, water-melons, musk-melons, beets, carrots, potatoes, squash.
 - Minerals—Gold, copper, coal.
 - Nuts—Almonds, chestnuts, walnuts, hickory-nuts—Tidings.

AN OIL FIELD.

Two or more years ago there was an opinion, more or less prevalent, that oil could be found in the Rogue River Valley. Several companies were organized and one experimental well was sunk near Ashland, but nothing came of it. The Medford Mail says the truth of the theory as to the presence of oil in the earth in this valley has been demonstrated. G. Miller, of the firm of Monroe & Miller, has a bored well on his place in East Medford that is 116 feet deep and the water is very deeply impregnated with oil, so much so that persons unaccustomed to using it are unable to do so at first. When the water is drawn from this well and allowed to stand for a short time a thick scum arises and this burns very readily. As to the extent of the oil reservoir nothing can be determined without further investigation, and Mr. Miller intends testing the matter sometime in the near future. The discovery of oil, coupled with the coal deposits now being opened, would add still more to the wealth and prosperity of Southern Oregon and bring this section rapidly to the front.

The Albany Creamery won first place and the Ashland Creamery second honors at the creamery butter exhibit at the State Fair last week. The Albany Creamery scored 96 points and the Ashland Creamery 94, eleven creameries in all being in competition. Other high ones were the Commercial Creamery at

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Lyons with 91 points, Douglas County Creamery at Roseburg 94 points, Independence Creamery, Eugene, 93, Cottage Grove Creamery 94, Brownsville Creamery 93, Silverton Creamery 92, Blue Mountain Creamery 93.

The editor of this paper, accompanied by his wife and "them young 'uns," is enjoying himself at Newport this week along with several other quill pushers. He didn't say when he expected to return, but will probably show up next week. Well, yours truly (the foreman) will try and please the HERALD readers, although seriously handicapped by our defects, viz: Deafness, dyspepsia and loss of memory. If this joke don't take we'll get vaccinated next week and see if that will take.

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