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GOOD ROADS TO BE THEME

All Parts of Oregon is Giving Increased
Attention to the Highways

Good roads throughout Oregon is a subject that will in future receive a great deal of attention from the Oregon Development League. Besides having a good roads day at the Astoria convention, August 14, 15 and 16, the League will take up highway betterment actively and the offices of Secretary Chapman of the League will be headquarters for the good roads movement.

Through its ramifications throughout the state, the League will learn public sentiment on the subject of good roads and strive to aid the various sections. Secretary Chapman of the League believes the subject touches very closely the welfare of the farmer. He hopes to bring together the various interests so they will work in harmony. First, he will learn the wishes of the people in the matter and do nothing not thoroughly representative of public opinion throughout the state.

The railroads, state agricultural college and the business interests of Portland are united on a plan to aid Morrow, Sherman and Gilliam counties in agricultural advancement. A demonstration train will be operated next fall through that section and experts from the state college will explain the possibilities of diversified farming and stock raising in order to build up the soil, although there is no intention to do away with wheat as the principal crop. It is believed, however, that improved methods will conserve moisture in the soil and by growing other things than the single grain, as at present, two crops can be had in three years instead of two in four years as at present. Seed will be distributed

from the train and prizes offered for the best results obtained by farmers.

There will be a large representation from the various Central Oregon commercial clubs at the convention in Prineville June 30-July 1, when the Central Oregon Development League will be formed. There is keen interest throughout that section and much is hoped from the projected organization, which will take up the problems that confront Central Oregon, a new country, yet in the making. It is considered important that right steps be taken and the new league will be of great benefit along these lines.

Salem's annual cherry fair has been set for July 6, 7 and 8, and promises to be bigger and better than ever. Portland people are taking much interest in the event and a special excursion will be run from Portland taking prominent business men to the fair. Big parades will be features of the event.

Lake County will work as a whole in future for development. The former Lakeview Board of Trade has been dissolved and the Lake County Development League has taken its place. Thoroughly aroused to the benefits of united work, Lake County people may reasonably hope for results from the new organization.

Ashland will hold its annual Chautauqua Assembly July 6-18. The talent offered this year is of a high order and the forthcoming session will attract people from all parts of Southern Oregon.

Portland was visited by an Eastern flax expert the past week, who expressed surprise that more attention is not paid to this crop in Oregon. He praised the quality of the flax he found here as being superior to that found elsewhere, either in this country or abroad and hopes to see the day when a great linen industry will be built up and farmers generally throughout Western Oregon will grow flax with profit.

A full line of Lilly's guaranteed garden seeds, chick feed, bone, shell and grit at Wesely's Grocery.

RACE MEET NOT A SUCCESS

The Fair Association Will Not Play Even
Says President Prill

For some reason, unnecessary to discuss, the two-days race meet, of last week, given under the auspices of the Fair Association, was not a success. Whether the meet was not sufficiently advertised, or whether there were too many attractions at other points, the crowd failed to materialize. The attendance on Friday, the first day, was not above 250 and not more than 500 on the following day.

It became generally known, a few days before the meet, that but two stables of horses would participate in the races, and as these stables of horses had been in daily training, workouts or what not, on the same track, it became the general opinion that each race would be a "fixed" affair and that not the best that was in the horses would be brought out. Whether this opinion is founded on facts or not, the NEWS will not undertake to say; but, we do know that two or three single-heat horse races does not furnish a sufficient attraction to bring out a crowd.

The management of the meet was good, the music donated by the Scio band was excellent and the ball game on Saturday between Scio and Shelburn was entertaining. All that was lacking was the crowd with the holiday spirit in their hearts.

The Races—Friday
No. 1, 1/4 mile—Zelina 1st, Wade Hampton 2nd, Leclare 3rd; time 51 1-5.
No. 2, Saddle horses, 1/4 mile—Whisky King won in a canter from Samson; time 56 seconds.
No. 3, 6 furlongs—Confederate 1st, Supulvada 2nd, Little Mack 3rd; time 1:17.

Gate receipts for the day, about \$68.

Saturday Races

No. 4, 6 1/2 furlongs—Confederate 1st, Supulvada 2nd, Leclare 3rd; time 1:25 1/2.
No. 5, 3/4 furlongs—Little Mack 1st, Sir Ashton 2nd, Carrie Thatcher 3rd; time 44 seconds.

Pony race 1/4 mile—Babe 1st, Black Beauty 2nd, Bill Short 3rd and Sorrel Beauty 4th; time 1 minute.

Matched race, 1/4 mile—Whiskey King 1st, Samson, 2nd, Paddy Ryan 3rd; time 25 seconds.

Base ball game—Scio 5, Shelburn 0.

Financial Statement

The receipts and disbursements for the meet were as follows: Receipts, donations, \$205; entry fees, \$59.50; concessions, \$12.50; gate receipts, \$171.75, making a total of \$448.75.

Disbursements—printing, \$6; individual labor, \$6.60; labor on track, \$31.50; purses for races, \$385; total expense \$365.35, leaving a balance on hand of \$19.65.

Two Monster Cheeses

Past and Present

The following interesting editorial appears in a recent issue of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican:

One of the novelties of the next Minnesota state fair is to be a cheese weighing more than five tons. Work is to be begun on the monster at once, for it will need lots of time for curing. A five-ton cheese, if made ten feet in diameter, will be twelve or fifteen feet high, and it is proposed to put a ladder by the side of the bulky thing so that people can go up and look at the top. To construct a cheese of this magnitude will take something like 250,000 gallons or about 150 wagons full of ten-gallon cans of milk. A dairy of about 6000 fairly good cows would be required to produce enough milk in one day for the big cheese. It is proposed that after the fair the great cheese shall be cut up and sold, but why do not the Republicans of Minnesota, after the precedent established by Elder Leland in the time of Jefferson, present the cheese to President Taft?

This modern venture must recall to Western Massachusetts people the great cheese which was built in Cheshire in 1801 under the leadership of Elder John Leland, and then hauled by sled to Hudson, from whence it was shipped to Washington and there presented with great ceremony to President Thomas Jefferson. The historic cheese was a mighty one for its day, being about one-seventh as large as that which is to be made in Minnesota. Elder Leland was an ardent supporter of Thomas Jefferson, although after the latter's nomination for the highest office in the republic many clergymen preached against him, asserting that, if by any chance he should be elected president, all the Bibles, psalm, and hymn-books and sermons would be cast into bonfires, and that the Christian altars of the country would be demolished. It is recorded that many Bibles and religious books were buried or otherwise concealed at the time of Jefferson's inauguration, lest the prophecies of the ministers be fulfilled. But Elder Leland and his people were Jeffersonian Democrats, and when the news of Jefferson's election became assured they resolved to express their delight by building such a cheese as the world had never before beheld. All this was decided upon in a mass meeting, and it was further resolved that Elder Leland and Darius Brown, who had charge of the construction of the cheese, should accompany the gift to Washington and turn it over to the chief magistrate as a New Year's present.

The construction of the gift was begun July 10, 1801, when Mr. Brown prepared a cheese hoop four feet in diameter and eighteen inches high, which the village blacksmith secured with iron bands so that it could not burst. Elder Leland had previously announced from his pulpit that the curds were to be brought to Mr. Brown's cider mill on the above date. Levy was laid upon every milk-producing cow within the precinct of the town, with the exception of those owned by the federalists. The church

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

A Warm Contest For Director—The Heating
Plant Provided For

Not for many a year has there been so much interest manifested at the annual school meeting as at that of last Monday. Two features is responsible for the unusual interest. There was a strong effort made to defeat E. C. Peery, who was a candidate to succeed himself, his opposing candidate being W. A. Ewing.

After reading and approving minutes of last annual and special meetings, the election of director was declared in order and the fight was on. For the first time, for years, women who were entitled to vote were out to the number 11, all but two of whom were for Ewing. When the vote was counted Peery had 32 and Ewing 29.

The vote for the heating plant was for 34, against 21.

Financial Statement

Receipts	
Balance on hand last report	\$1630.34
From district tax	2392.52
" County school fund	742.12
" State school fund	224.64
" Rate bills H. S.	967.29
" Other sources	53.75

Disbursements	
Teachers wages	\$2818.14
School supplies	575.81
Repair and improvements	1083.16
Bonds and warrants	740.00
Insurance	11.65
Clerk's salary	25.00
All other purposes	342.35
Total	\$5596.41
Balance on hand	414.25

bell was rung while the people came with rich cream, which was handled by a committee of expert women, who engineered the preparation and the placing of the curd within the great hoop. The big screw of the cider mill was applied, and copious streams of foaming whey were forced out. In an eloquent speech Leland dedicated the monster cheese, which weighed when carefully cured 1235 pounds, to their honored friend, Thomas Jefferson, president of the United States of America. A hymn was sung, and the cheesemakers were dismissed with the benediction. Eleven days after this gathering the great cheese was removed from the cider press and proved to be in perfect shape and condition. It was taken to the dairy house of Darius Brown to be cured and dried. The removal was accomplished by means of a sled drawn by six horses, and Moses Wolcott gave a feast at his tavern in honor of the event.

When the cheese was presented to President Jefferson as a New Year's present in 1802 the whole country took notice. It was accompanied with a presentation address prepared by a committee of five prominent citizens of Cheshire, to whom Mr. Jefferson sent back a grateful and eloquent reply. At the White House, Elder Leland made an address, in which he told of the loyalty of his people and town in defending Jefferson against cowardly attacks, and said that in the making of this token of their faithful adherence to the administration every patriot family and cow in Cheshire had taken part. In response, Jefferson returned his warmest thanks to the people, saying that he looked on this New Year's gift as a token of the fidelity of the very heart of the people of the land to the great cause of equal rights to all men. "I shall cause," continued he, "this auspicious event to be placed upon the archives of the nation, while I shall ever esteem this occasion as one of the happiest in my history. And now, my reverend and most respected

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