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WHAT WILL YOU DO?

The meeting of the Stockholders of the Linn County Fair Association last Saturday was not very well attended and there were matters of much importance came up for consideration. Another meeting will be held in a couple of weeks at which every stockholder and friend of the fair should be present.

We are face to face with the following facts:

1. A deficit of some \$400 this year largely because of poor attendance.
2. A payment of \$500 and interest due on the fair grounds.
3. The resignation of Pres. Prill and the necessity of choosing a successor at the annual meeting in January.
4. The necessity of deciding whether or not the county fair shall be continued here or allowed to go to one of the other towns of the county that is anxious to have it.

People of Scio and the Santiam what are you going to do about it? The question of the future of the fair is in your hands. You are each personally concerned in this matter. If you sit idly by and expect that the stockholders are the only ones concerned you may as well bid good bye to the fair forever for it will go elsewhere. Many of the present stockholders live in other towns and parts of the county. You cannot expect them to go down in their pockets annually to help support an enterprise that they prefer to have nearer home. The merchants and business men of Albany have been quite liberal in the amount of shares of stock taken. People of Scio and vicinity, do you expect them to continue to hustle for a fair at Scio when you do nothing? Most of our business men and many of our farmers have stood by the fair in the past most manfully. At the same time many of you could well afford to lend a help-

ing hand, who have never done so. You are the ones who will be responsible if the fair is lost. If you are a man of family count the cost to you of attending the fair if held elsewhere. Do you wish it taken from your very door?

The Linn County Fair has grown rapidly during the past five years. It is now one of the best county fairs held in the state. It is now too big an undertaking for just a few men to handle. It now requires an expenditure of about \$3500 annually. In case of poor attendance a few cannot make up the deficit. You have not done your share when you pay 50 cents to \$1.50 Every year there have been a few persons who have donated days of service in preparing for the fair. On the other hand there have been several loafing on our streets who have absolutely refused to turn a hand in helping even when offered good wages for their help.

"Man cannot live to himself alone." He who never does anything but for private gain has no right to live among his fellow men. Let him turn hermit and sneak off to the desert. Society has no need of him. All the world loves the volunteer. The drafted man has never been popular.

Some have said they did not approve altogether the way in which some features of the fair have been managed. Neither has the News been able to approve all that has been done. But we have not expected perfection. All men do not see alike. Mistakes will occur under any management. If you can do better on the whole, step out and declare yourself. Those having the burden will only too gladly shift it to your shoulders. Any one can tear down. Not every one can construct. If you have spent as many hours, days and nights for the fair with no larger returns for your labor than has the present management, you are in a position to criticize.

Give credit for the good work done along with faults you may see. The public has the right to offer suggestions for the public is interested in the fair. But what we need most is to get together and work together. Come to the next meeting prepared to offer suggestions for improving the fair. You will be given a chance to have your say, and if it seems best to make a change in the management it can be done at the annual meeting. The present officials are willing to step aside. But the News believes that in this particular it would be better to make haste slowly. Be sure you are right before demanding a change.

People of Scio and the Santiam you must get together in this matter. You cannot afford to let the fair go elsewhere. Each of you are personally concerned. You must boost instead of knock or you lose. What are YOU going to do about it?

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Next Thursday is Columbus Day and by an act of the State Legislature is made a legal holiday and requires all schools to close for the day. Holidays are getting to be too numerous and it will soon be in order to do away with a few. They break into the regular work by coming in the middle of a week's work. If they could come on Friday's they would be less inconvenient. In the meantime we must obey the law.

LETTERS FROM OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS

Santiam Farm Topics

G. A. Griffin, Geo. Bilyeu and Riley Montgomery were appointed appraisers of the estate of John Ray, deceased, consisting of 40 acres of land at \$15 per acre.

Thomas Small bought a fine team. He has rented 40 acres of the Santiam farm as the proprietor was too lazy to run it any longer.

Billy Reed of Racoon hollow, called at the Pie Eaters farm and secured some vetch seed. From all appearances Billy is thinking some of taking unto himself a new cook if he can find one who will promise to never love any one else better than she does Billy.

Santiam farm has sold out all of his vetch and cheat seed.

Mrs. Ida Graham and daughter Alice, of Woodburn, are visiting her parents, S. W. Gaines.

Isaac Crabtree has rented the John Griffin farm east of Scio and bought all of his personal effects and is going to try farming at the age of 77, after 50 years of herding sheep in Montana.

One week of our school in District No. 77 taught by Miss Nellie Young closed with perfect satisfaction with 21 pupils enrolled. Quite a few of our District scholars are attending the public high schools of Crabtree and Scio.

Grover Stanton, one of the clerks in the Ladd & Tilden bank at Portland, arrived at the Santiam farm Sunday morning wishing to see the great American Pie Eater. After looking him all over, he said he reminded him of the wild man of Barneo.

The Pie Eater after finishing Mr. Crabtree's cottage, to round up the job was building a pier of shelves and while driving an 8 penny nail through an inch board, held his knee on the opposite side, forgetting his knee was there and drove the nail one and quarter inches under his right knee cap. He had more fun that night than Jonah did when he swallowed the whale.

The proprietor of the Santiam Farm shipped ten bushels of his finest vetch to Revis Graham at Clackamas.

Geo. Griffin and Mrs. Phoeby Turner were over to the county seat Thursday on special business.

Mrs. Martha Smith of Racoon hollow, has been on the sick list the past week. She taken a violent cold while at the hop yards.

Mr. Irons of Spokane, Wash., agent for the Roller Bearing wagon, Humane horse collar and Electro bombs, was a caller at the Santiam farm over Sunday night. He was on his return trip from lower California where he had good success in making sales. Quite a number of neighbors came over Monday morning to see his new inventions.

County School Superintendent Benner was over Monday looking after the schools in this part of the county. Mr. Benner took dinner at the Santiam farm.

PIE EATER.

Thomas Topics

Several from this neighborhood attended the sale at Panes.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mespelt and daughter went to Albany last Saturday.

Ed Smith is building a new house on his farm.

Mr. Mathis, Myrtle and Roy, returned to Salem after a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith.

H. Struckmeier has been running his prune drier, paying 60 cents per bushel for prunes. The farmers ought to do well at that price.

School started Monday at the Oakview school house with S. B. Holt teacher.

Wm. Moore, an old time resident of this vicinity, was looking after business and visiting relatives the past week.

Chas. Baum is offering his place for sale. It certainly won't be long until some one will take him up as it is extra good land and well located.

(Too late for last week)

The school of District No. 10 started last Monday with Miss Compton and Miss Turnidge teachers.

F. J. Jones, Glayds and Harry have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Holt.

H. Struckmier has started his prune drier.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Devaney and son, Clifford and wife went to Albany last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Holt and son Nolan, have returned to Mill City after a short visit in this vicinity.

Fred Mespelt and wife went to Albany last week.

S. B. Holt, who has been with the Curtis Lumber Co. of Mill City for two years, has rented the T. M. Holt farm.

The new residence of Dick Kelly is nearing completion.

Miss Sylvia Holley of Albany, has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. D. I. Smith.

ROSALEE.

Shelburn Items

Mrs. McLain with her sons Dillon and Arthur went to Bell-fountain Tuesday. They expect to be gone about a couple weeks.

The public school began Monday with an enrollment of 22 pupils.

Mrs. Rider, a sister of Etta Shilling, was here the first of the week visiting. She returned to her home near Vancouver, Tuesday accompanied by Glen Shilling.

There were services held at the Catholic church Sunday.

The people on the cream route miss the face of Wm. Hiron. In its place is that of Chas. Oglesbee.

The road supervisor has been doing some work on our roads lately.

The central is gradually getting more business. H. O. Shilling had a phone put in last week.

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Mrs. Plunkett spent Tuesday at Albany. She was joined there by her son Charles, who has been working for the past three months at Wren.

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