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The modern fair is an outgrowth of the old English fairs held about the Twelfth Century. At that time the main function of the fair was to sell merchandise. They were operated by private parties and were held annually in most places. At first they were held in church yards.

Fairs, Old and Modern.

Most of them were held just outside the town and tents and wooden booths were erected for the merchants. When merchants from foreign towns or other English towns came, they choose their booth or were assigned booths so that merchants of one kind could be kept together. After the fair was formally opened no dealer in the town could sell or buy unless within the fair grounds. The town officials resigned their duties and those in charge of the fair took control for the six or twelve days which the fairs lasted.

Tolls were collected by those in charge and good order and fair dealing were the rule. To prevent abuses and to settle disputes arising in the midst of the busy trading, the lord controlling the fair appointed his officers to form courts and try the cases as they arose. A great variety of cases came up, such as disputes to debts, false measurements, failure to perform contracts and many others. Sometimes the courts decided off hand, sometimes juries heard the case. This was called the court of "pie powder" coming from pied poundre or dusty foot, from the travelers who frequented the fairs. The law which the court administered was known as the "law merchant" which was somewhat less rigid than the common law.

Amusement features came in gradually and several hundred years later the original idea of the fair was forgotten. At the present time the fair is a different institution than the old English model. The display of the products of the country and the opportunity of exchanging ideas, coupled with educational amusements, now constitutes their main function. As such they justify their right of existence. This is the aim of the Morrow County Fair, an institution operated by local people but state-wide in its effects. Attend the Fair and associate yourself with the people who look, live and labor for the future, it's a commendation to yourself to be seen there.

The school teachers are gone. Everyone with whom they came in contact speaks well of them. Morrow County has good teachers, better than the average. They are well trained and possess character plus. They think well of their profession. The greatest teacher is not necessarily the one who can impart the most facts but the one under who we become different men and women. The editor met many of them personally and from all appearances they rank high. A well known business man recently said, "I don't care if my child does not stock his brains with facts, if he will gain a desire to study and read and continue this after he finishes school, that's all that I ask." He asked about all that any school can give. Several of the men who addressed the teachers spoke well of their intelligence, enthusiasm, character and appearance. The teachers need everyone's support in the matter of making future citizens. Remember the teacher.

Our Teachers

Well has it been said that the only safe man is the man who can work intelligently with his hands. Any other system of training that neglects this is out of tune with the laws of Nature. Theory is not very important in the training of boys to be industrious, capable and energetic. These things come from practice and nothing else. It is a welcomed fact that education is now dealing with expression and not suppression. Giving out is taking the place of pouring in. One of the men who is in line with the spirit of the times in this work is Prof. Frank H. Shepherd, of the Oregon Agricultural College. I happened to meet Mr. Shepherd during the Institute here this week and in the course of our conversation he told me that he was in the newspaper business at one time. I promised not to tell the unfortunate experience of his life and he reciprocated by agreeing to keep the fact secret that I had served a sentence as an instructor.

Mr. Shepherd's hobby is Industrial work. Industrial Work consists of Manual Training, Mechanical Drawing, Basket Weaving and various other kinds of work which is

done by the hands, with the co-operation of the heart and head, of course. He believes that we grow through expression, by working ourselves into our acts, thoughts and services. We develop as we live out loud. The Youth should feel himself a force in Nature, a live and vital part in the scheme of things, hence he should be in the workshop and in the study that helps him to understand and interpret. This is real opportunity, of the kind the Constitution refers, if you like.

Such an education does not prepare a person to live, he lives at the time. He graduates with a working acquaintanceship with some profession by which he can earn his daily bread, a thing not to be overlooked in these days. Every graduate of the High Schools should be fitted to start life experienced, seasoned, strong and self-reliant. Such is the trend of education at the present time and happy is he who has joined the forward looking vanguard now well out upon the highway.

The National and American Leagues have been having plenty of trouble this year with the Federal League and now the Government proposes to put a tax on baseball tickets. Autos have been hit by the war. According to dispatches, some were hit pretty bad. Some people said that Pres. Wilson was no politician. They will have another think coming when he decides to run again.

There has been considerable anxiety in the political camps about the people refusing to register. Probably they think that the books might be used against them if the country would get into war.

All members of the Squads in different towns are urged to be at the Fair as there will be a general Squad meeting. This will be the first annual meeting, be at the first annual meet.

Better send the semi-weekly to your sons and daughters when they leave for school. It keeps them in touch with the home folks and saves time with the pen.

They are planning down in Washington to raise the taxes. About all they have been doing is planning, so the announcement will not cause any commotion.

Turkey has been gradually pushed out of Europe ever since the Moslems gained possession of the country. It looks like the final push is coming.

The Turks have been ordered to pray for the Germans. Napoleon said that the Lord was on the side of the heaviest artillery.

The Austrians have a motoreycle brigade. We are glad to know that some useful purpose has been found for them.

In dancing the main idea used to be to learn the new steps, now it consists of learning the new holts.

Remember the stangers in the city. See to it that they are well taken care of.

One man said that Heppner has a fine laundry, he got more back than he sent.

We should thank heaven that no one can charge for air and sunlight.

This cold weather inspires many vows that are dissolved by heat.

"Back to the farms," would sound good in Europe now.

Small change makes more noise than big bills.

The Herald, Collier's Weekly and Napoleon's Memoirs all for \$3—think of it.

Germany seems to be in the lead—back to Germany.

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Strayed or stolen from Louis E. Fridley's ranch near Lexington about August 20; one small heavy-set dog, about eighteen months old but looks more like a pup. Answers to the name Donnie. Has a heavy coat of black curly hair with a small white spot under his chest. Very friendly disposition and wore a small collar when last seen. Address the Owner, John E. Renny, Sunset, Idaho.

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