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FIRST ANNUAL FAIR A GREAT SUCCESS

Everything Passed Off Accord-
ing To Schedule.

EXHIBITS ALL HIGH CLASS

Large Crowds Attend and
Everybody Pleased--A
Bigger and Better
Fair Next Year.

Morrow County's first annual fair has passed into history.

It was a complete success from every standpoint. At the opening of the pavilion on Thursday at 1:30 p. m., a sight greeted the eyes of the large number of visitors present that was indeed a great and pleasant surprise.

"Isn't it wonderful?"
"I was never so surprised in my life."

"I have lived in Morrow county for years, and had no idea that we could produce such fruits and vegetables."

These and many other exclamations of surprise and appreciation were heard on every hand, and every day of the fair, as new people came in to view the display, and yet there should have been no occasion for surprises of this nature.

Has not Morrow county been carrying off first prizes, blue ribbons and all other ribbons at the different fairs where our products have been exhibited for years past, and why should we not make a splendid showing at our own fair?

The opening day witnessed a large crowd of people gathered at the grounds. On account of the great number of exhibits that were rushed in for entry at a late hour, the Fair Board and their assistants were kept on the jump to get ready even by 1:30 to throw the doors of the pavilion open. The opening exercises were enlivened by plenty of good music by Parsons band of Portland; an address of welcome by Mayor Sam E. Van Vactor that had to be heard to be appreciated, but which made plain to all visitors that they were cordially welcome to the hospitality of the city, and the words of the mayor were emphasized to the full by the openhearted greetings of our citizens to all the thousands of outside people who thronged the streets of the city during the remaining days of the fair.

It is useless to try to enter into a description of the various exhibits that were so beautifully and tastily displayed in the pavilion. We could not do them justice if we tried to. But we will touch on a few.

We especially wish to mention the splendid display from Irrigon. This was under the direction of Mrs. L. B. Kicker, who came over with it from Irrigon and looked after its proper arrangement in the pavilion. Mr. Kicker had gathered this together, and although he had to work at some disadvantage owing to the fact that the season was a little late for his section and much of the best of their fruits and melons had been disposed of in the course of the marketing season, yet what he did get was splendid, and this display was a constant source of interest and highly complimented by every visitor. By referring to the picture of this exhibit in this issue you can get a more comprehensive idea of it than we can give by a mere word picture. Another year we should have similar community exhibits from a dozen different sections of the county.

From Ione and Lexington there

were no community displays, but many individual offerings of fruits and vegetables and grains that well represented the resources of these two leading agricultural sections of the county. Great peaches, pears and apples were gathered up here and made a display that it would be hard to excel in any country. Some of these were so fine that people living right here in our own county were heard to remark that they certainly must be imported; it was hard for them to realize that such beautiful and excellent fruit could be produced here. What might it have been had our people in these localities been preparing something just especially for exhibition purposes, no one can say. We can only wait and see what another year will produce.

Hardman also had some fine specimens of fruit and vegetables and grains, while Rhea Creek, Willow Creek and Butter Creek farmers contributed their portion, all of the highest order. W. O. Bayless came in with the big pumpkins, squashes, cabbages, etc., from his bountiful gardens on Rhea Creek, and in the apple display, C. H. Bartholomew had 21 different varieties from his orchard on Little Butter Creek. Will Howard offered the finest peaches from the same section. These were labelled the "Wonder" peach, and they were indeed wonderful to behold. French Burroughs, of Ione, had 19 varieties of apples and they were all beauties. Hynd Bros., of Sand Hollow, displayed peaches, pears, grapes, apples and prunes, all of the highest order. We mention a few of these because they are representative of the different sections of the county. There has been no attempt made in this county to raise fruit for shipment to the outside but many of our people should engage in the commercial orchard business. The fruit display at the fair demonstrates what can be done. There is no better flavored fruit raised, it has the size, coloring and firmness and is equal to any that is put on the market, and in some respects far ahead.

The grain, grass, and vegetable displays were all representative. Morrow county produces the best grade of milling wheats grown anywhere and the display at the fair showed these in sheaf and threshed grain. Oats, barley, rye, corn, cane, broom corn, kaffir corn and many other varieties were in evidence of the various resources of the county from the agricultural standpoint.

The section devoted to art and fancywork was indeed a pleasure to visit. The fancywork display was superb and contained entries

from every section of the county. To one who is not versed in these things much of this work was marvelous. In the art department the same can be said. We only wish we were able to pass judgment upon such work but will have to pass it up with the remark that these two displays fully demonstrate the artistic ability of our people.

In the children's department there was much worthy of commendation. The display was not large but it was good, and another year will see many more entering into the competition for the prizes offered in this class.

In the manufacturing section was the fine display of the prod-

ucts of the Heppner Milling Co., a home institution that is turning out the finest products of any plant of a like nature in the northwest. These people had up special prizes for bread made from their flour, and showed commendable enterprise in making such a creditable display.

But why enumerate further? We cannot give special mention to all, and the most of our people were there and took it in for themselves, and then of our citizens over the county who were prevented from being present, or who did not attend because of indifference, could get no adequate conception of the fair from what we might say.

As stated above, it was a grand success in every way. The Fair Board and their committees did themselves proud. The amusements were of high order and sufficient to keep everyone interested. Silas Christoferson made beautiful flights in his aeroplane, going up twice on Friday and Saturday to the satisfaction of the big crowds of people that witnessed the big machine in its flights over the city. Parsons band and orchestra were right on the job all the while with plenty of good, lively music, and the various concessions furnished the young people with refreshments and offered abundant opportunity for spending the surplus nickels and dimes.

The praise of the Fair Board for their splendid success is unstinted. Secretary Smead was a live wire night and day, and was ably assisted by his colleagues on the Board, as well as by Mr. W. E. Donnelly, of Portland, who was manager, and who is entitled to much credit for his handling of the details in getting everything in shape to present to the public.

Our first fair is only a sample of what we will have. 1914 will see a much better one from every standpoint. Boost for it from now on.

STOCK EXHIBIT.

In our general write-up of the fair we purposely overlooked the stock exhibit. This was good as far as it went, and many lines of this industry had fine displays but it was a little disappointing, nevertheless. We had a right to look for a much larger display, and will have it another season. This is assured from the fact that many of our stockraisers have pledged themselves to begin to get ready for it now.

Horses, mules, cattle, both dairy and beef grades, sheep, goats and swine were represented this time. Guy Boyer had his entire herd of Jerseys on display and walked off with numerous prizes; Minor's herd of Shorthorns, always prizewinners, were well represented, Ben Swaggart, John Bellenbrock and I. E. Holt lined up the big mules and Jack Hynd had the champion Durock Jersey boar; these all were fine specimens in their class. F. M. Griffin brought in his Belgian stallion and there was a number of fine colts entered showing the class of draft horses that our people are now raising. These all made a good appearance in the stock parades on Thursday and Saturday.

A big horse show is planned for the next fair.

FIRST BABY SHOW WAS BIG FEATURE

Best of Morrow County
Products Displayed in
This Event.

The Morrow county products on exhibition were many and varied but none of them brought forth the favorable comment from all sides that was heard Friday afternoon at the eugenics contest. Out of the forty one babies which were entered, all registered high and there are some of them that might well compete for honors at the state fair in Salem this month. In the first class which consists of babies from six months to eighteen months, Gordon Case, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Case of Heppner received the first prize, registering 95 per cent. Buster Anderson, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Anderson of Eight Mile was a very close second with a score of 94.8 per cent. In the first class of girls Margaret Cronsb. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cronan of Ione won first with the high score of 94.5 per cent, Irene Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tucker of Sand Hollow second by a score of 94 per cent.

The second class babies were those whose age ran from 18 months to 36 months. Chas. Ellis Thomson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thomson of Heppner won the first prize given in this class. He is almost a perfect baby with a score of 95 per cent. Alex C. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green of Eight Mile won the second prize, scoring 94 per cent. Margaret Notson was the best baby girl of the second class. She scored 93.1 per cent. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Notson of Heppner. Edna Rice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rice of Hardman was second with 93 per cent.

The other entries with their scores are as follows: Ralph D. LaFlint 83.4 per cent, Robert Jones 93.9, Howard Craber 93.9, Hugh Snider 93.3, Neal Bush 91.5, Freeman Hill 94, Chas. Jones 87.6, Miles Woodworth 93.9, Arthur Ritche 92.2, James McNamee 91.3, William Cronan 91.4, Alton Stevens 94, M. Glascock 92.8, Dallas Craber 93.9, Steven Thompson 92.9, Paul W. Jones 93.9.

The other girl babies entered were Dorothy Van Winkle 92, Mary Beamer 91.2, Edith Nash 92.4, Dorris Wilcox 91.8, Clara van Winkle 91.8, Mary Wattenburger 93.9, Elenor Rice 91.7, Ama McNamee 92, Mary Healey 88, Francis Noll 90.5, Georgia Driskell 89.5, Elizabeth Elder 89.2, Gladys Carpenter 90.8 Catherine Bisbee 92.5.

The great success of the first Eugenics contest ever held in Heppner or Morrow county is due not only to the fair board directly for staging such an event but much credit should be given to Miss Ona Gilliam, superintendent of the contest, Dr. Gaunt of Hardman and Dr. Culbertson of Heppner, who were the judges. The percentage of the babies entered was very small and next year the eugenics contest will be a much larger event.

PRIZE MELON STOLEN.

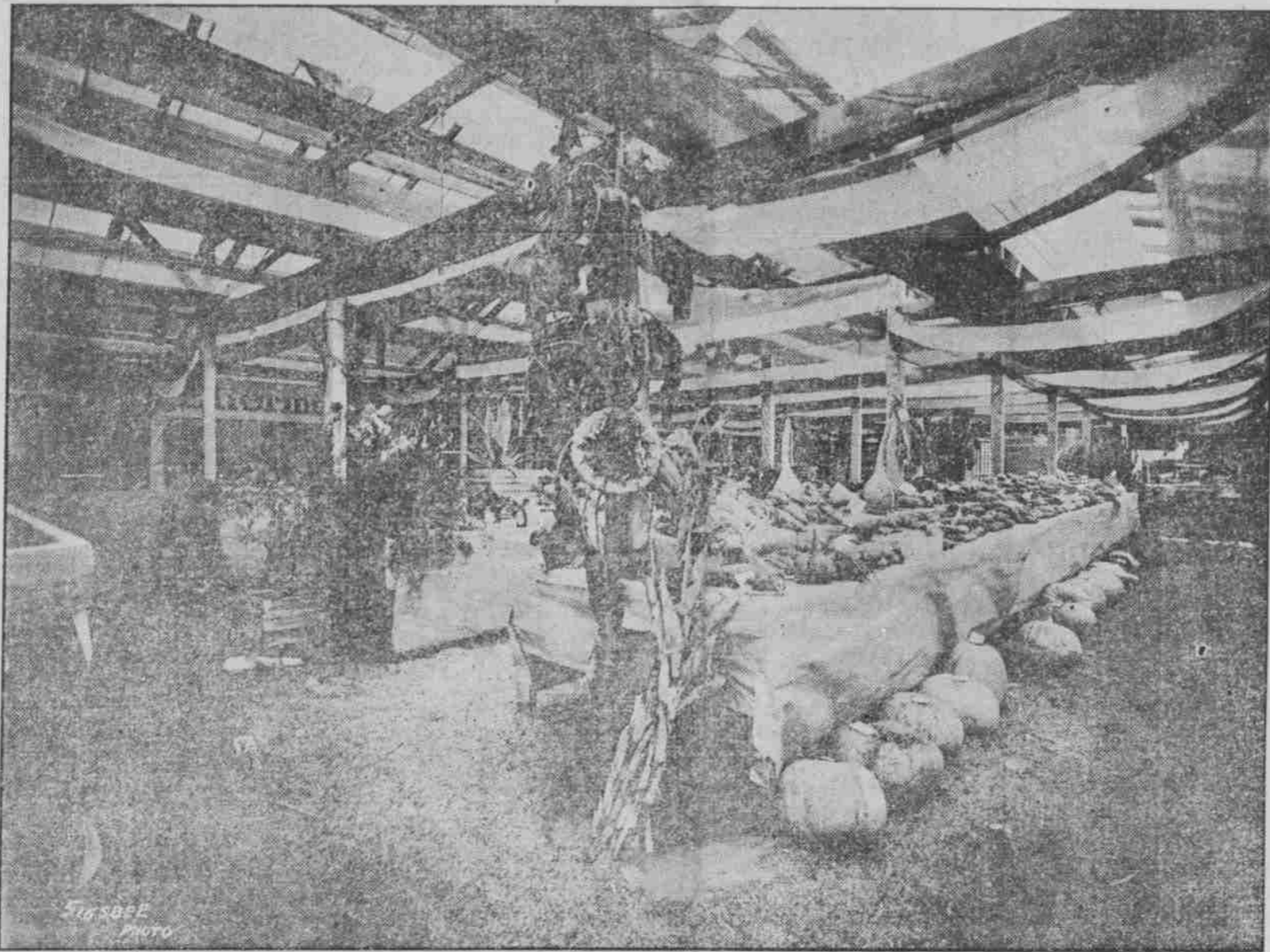
Harty Cummings, nurseryman and county fruit inspector would present the party who made away with his prize watermelon last week from the fair pavilion. It was a blue ribbon melon and he wished to save the seeds for future planting. Mr. Cummings is offering to pay five dollars to any one who will lead him or give him information that will lead him to the guilty party.

New Power House.

Heppner Light & Water Company now have a force of men at work getting materials on the ground and making the necessary excavations for the new power plant building. They contemplate making these new improvements of a very permanent nature and concrete will enter largely into their construction, each building being placed on good solid foundations and stand at least three feet above the sidewalk. The street in front of the buildings is to be graded up, a wood yard leveled out of the hillside and all surroundings put in much better shape than they have ever been.

Thomas E. Chidsey and J. J. Nys have been since this week listing up the various fair awards. Mr. Chidsey was one of the fair officials.

Morrow County's First Annual Fair.



OUR COUNTY FAIR.

By LAWRENCE G. SHUTT

"Our county have a fair?" ask you,
"And did the thing amount to much?"
Yes, Tom old boy, the tale is true,
And you have never seen, just such.

It had good men to back it though,
And see that every plan went through—
They had a man from down below
Who told them what was best to do.

Will Leach and Huston and Wallace Smead,
With help from noble workers here,
Cheerfully saw to every need,
And made a success of our County Fair.

The farmers came from far and near,
And brought their best to show to us.
Indeed we've had a County Fair
That well deserves our happy fuss.

All sorts of things were gathered there
In splendid shape, and all looked good;
From Wightman's turks and Tomlin's pear,
To Swaggart's mule and Bayless' spud.

From hats and aprons to a pig,
From jelly to a Shorthorn calf;
And then the pumpkins! Oh so big!
Old boy you'd just stand back and laugh.

But that which opened all our eyes,
And made us rubes stand up and talk,
Was the ship that circled in the skies,
And soared and dipped like a screaming hawk.

I wish you'd seen the old folks there,
The sight would make your big heart beat,
To see those faces worn with care
Light up as old time friends would meet.

Tell all your friends we've had a fair;
A fair that pleased the people, too;
And that they all must come next year
To see the show along with you.