

STATE FAIR DISAPPOINTS

Other Hindrances Besides the Weather Stated Against Its Greatest Success.

E. L. THORPE.

After returning home from the Oregon State Fair a person can take a retrospective view of what was seen and heard, and, with his own impressions, can see how some things should be different. The state fair is a big institution in more ways than one. It is big in its possibilities, more so, perhaps than in its performances, and it is quite good sized in its actual accomplishment as an advertiser of Oregon and a social meeting place for everybody.

The fair this year was a financial failure because of the thousands who stayed away. The attendance was never large enough to tax the capacity of the aisles of the pavilion and very few of the concessions made any money. Wednesday and Friday were the only two clear days of the week and the grounds were disagreeably wet and muddy all the time. The weather was a potent factor in keeping people away, but there were other causes.

The fair dates were set too early. Farmers are always busy during early September garnering their grains or picking their hops and cannot afford the time for visiting the fair. This year the rain made things doubly worse and the farming attendance was miserably small, every farmer in the Willamette Valley being more interested in saving the remnants of his crops than anything else. The weather, too, was responsible for many city people remaining away, as was shown on Thursday morning when the Southern Pacific cancelled two specials from Portland because not enough people were on hand to fill more than one train.

The numerous county fairs that are now in existence also have their effect on the state fair. Many persons are content to stay at home to await the displays there and they find nearly everything right at home only on a smaller scale than they see at the state fair. Then, too, the element of sociability enters into the home exhibitions where everyone knows everybody and where rivalry is not a keen scramble for getting the best of the other fellow.

The element of graft and grab is characteristic of Salem and should be entirely eliminated. In striking contrast to Portland, where normal prices were maintained during the summer carnivals, Salem was the whole hog during fair week and it took the savings of several months unless one went prepared to camp on the grounds and thus be able to keep out of the clutches of those who make the state fair the harvest time of a whole year. Owners of motor cars boasted of making from \$25 to \$100 a day; meals of poor quality were 50 cents and rooms went to \$2 a night with the privilege of sleeping on a straw pallet with two quilts in a room with 50 others for one dollar apiece.

The State Fair Board was quite severely criticised for holding the fair so early in the year, at a time when products of the farm are not ready for exhibition. The various kinds of fruit, especially apples and pears, were poorly represented. Of vegetables there were enough but they were all too small and green to be considered representative of their localities. A month later and the showing in agriculture would have been 100 per cent better. It is certain that the exhibits to be seen in Gresham next month will be vastly superior to those seen at Salem both in quantity and quality. It is the same at all the other county fairs and people are not going to the state fair to see less than they can see at home and be raised out of their boots by extortionate charges every time they turn around.

It is charged that the state fair board is dominated by the racing associations. This charge was partially admitted by the management when it was stated that the race horse people had arranged their circuit to suit themselves and practically fixed the dates for the fair. With the best horses on the coast and the biggest purses for the

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JOHN SHATTUCK REPORTED LOST

The community learns with deep regret of the possible calamity that has befallen John Wesley Shattuck who is reported to have been lost in the forests near Juneau, Alaska. He is said to have gone with two others on a short hunting trip, just for one day, taking no provisions. This was last Thursday. Up to Sunday he had not returned or been heard of, though search had been made.

The only news concerning their brother, by Lewis and Carl Shattuck here, is that contained in the press dispatches of yesterday morning. A cablegram was sent yesterday to the brother, Henry Shattuck at Juneau and other relatives and friends in that vicinity, but up to noon today, no word had been received.

It is thought by relatives here that the report may be unreliable and that the missing boy will be found at one of the many miner's camps which are said to be scattered all through the mountains. It is thought that if lost the boys could not have wandered far without finding shelter and food.

John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shattuck and is well known here. He graduated from the Gresham High school four years ago and last year completed his course at the State University. Early in the summer he went to Juneau to spend a few months with a brother who is a merchant at that place. He had expected to study law, it is said.

Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck, the parents, have been at Welches. Word was taken to them yesterday and they arrived in Gresham today where they with others are anxiously awaiting definite news from the north. It is sincerely hoped by all that the report will be found untrue.

Our Big Potato Contest

The Outlook is offering a cash prize of \$1.00 for the biggest potato, judged by weight, and 50 cts. for the second prize, the contest to end Monday evening, Sept. 30.

Those responding to this offer are: E. A. Easley, Gresham, 2 pounds; John Ickler, Powell Valley, 2 pounds 7 1/2 ounces.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of August, 1912, I impounded one light colored Jersey heifer (with horns) about two years old, in the city limits, of the city of Fairview, and notice is hereby further given that unless the owner or other person having an interest in same shall claim possession of said heifer and pay all costs and charges of the keeping of same, with advertising thereof, together with the fees, said animal will be sold at auction to pay such fees and charges.

The sale will be held at 10 o'clock a. m., on Saturday the 14th day of September, 1912, in the city pound, east of the schoolhouse, Fairview.

RINALDO HUNTER, City Marshal.

Dr. Geo. Inglis, office in Logan building. Keeps his own medicines, treats eyes, fits glasses, and all general practice. Troutdale, Or. 57

Drops From the Ginger Jar

TROUTDALE, ORE., Sept. 9.—Editor Outlook:—For fear that no one of your readers will make reply to the extract from the Portland News Letter quoted in your last issue regarding Governor West's cleaning up of Portland, I wish to say that the cry that "cleaning up a city calls public attention to its wickedness and hurts business" is an ancient and time worn howl of the enemy when sore hit. Calphais used that argument against our Lord's cleaning up of some dirty places. One can say this just as well of the present investigation of the corruption of the New York police force. He could have said it when Seattle recalled Hi Gill. People said it when Minneapolis ousted its unutterable Albes. But the truth still holds that a shaken-up and cleaned-up city does more and better business and is better liked by the right kind of people, than the city that rots down peacefully.

Governor West has been much criticised for hunting wolves with a brass band. Suppose he does. Suppose he hunts them with a torch

light procession and a circus parade and a Salvation Army street demonstration. He's hunting wolves, isn't he? Show us somebody else in the state who is. We know what side he is on, don't we? Who knows what side the most of the newspapers of this state take? What single agency in Oregon has waked the public to the curse of the roadhouse and the city dens of shame as has this one man? We all know that the thing that best roused the American people to the danger of Special Privilege, was Teddy getting up in the presidential chair with his boots on and yelling himself hoarse about it.

I like an executive that gets mad and jumps up and down and hollers. It shows at least that he is alive. But I like better one who gets mad, jumps out of his official chair and goes and jerks protected vice and crime baldheaded without waiting to see what the constitution says about his right to do it. I say, bully for Governor West! and may Heaven give us all a dip out of his good ginger jar.

MILTON O. NELSON.

FIRE AT WELCHES DESTROYS HOUSE

WELCHES, Sept. 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Howard's fine residence on the north side of the Sandy river, was burned to the ground early last week. The fire was caused, it is thought, by a coal popping out from the fire place. Mrs. Howard was the only one at home the night of the fire. She was awakened by the smell of smoke and opening the bedroom door leading into the sitting-room she was met with a sheet of flame. Closing the door she climbed out through the bedroom window without stopping to dress and in her night dress pushed to her nearest neighbors for help, but by the time help arrived the place was afire in every room. Nothing was saved, the house and entire contents were lost, \$150 and a substantial check were burned, besides other valuable papers. The house was insured; amount not learned, probable loss about \$3,000.

Rain and lots of it for the past 10 days, still the autostages run on schedule. Not many campers left in the hills now.

The hotels are almost deserted as the rains have driven nearly all the guests away. A few fine days will bring them out again though.

The Mt. Hood Hotel company has a new hotel near the old hatchery site, commenced construction of their Albon Meinig has the contract for cutting and hauling the lumber, amounting to 66,000 feet. They expect to be ready for business the first of next season.

Billy Welch captured the prize trout of the season in the Sandy river last week. Billy still stutters when you ask him about it. It was a beautiful salmon trout, it was well ask Billy how long it was. Billy says, My! but it was heavy.

Dr. Lowe, Sept. 25.

MULTNOMAH FAIR NOTES

Mrs. E. L. Thorpe, superintendent of the art department at the forthcoming fair, is particularly desirous of work of the best specimens of art having of all kinds, including hand-painted china, on exhibition in the art room, and would be pleased to hear from anyone having articles to exhibit, either in competition for premiums or loaned for the occasion. Those having such articles will confer a favor by writing to her or calling her on the phone, 55.

The Commercial club and the Woman's Civic Improvement club of Pleasant Home, which represent Scenic, Cottrell, Powell Valley and Pleasant Home, are united in their determination to make a suitable display of the resources of that part of the county, and incidentally, are after some of the big prizes at the fair. They have made application to the fair secretary for a booth, and are planning to make the very best representation possible of their section.

The Beaver Acetylene Light Works has a machine on exhibit at the Clark county fair now at Vancouver and will have an exhibit at the Multnomah fair.

Oregon wheat growers hope to capture the \$5,000 traction engine and plows offered as the prize for the best five bushels of wheat grown in the American Northwest this year by the Northwest Products Exposition at Minneapolis November 12-23. There will be sharp competition for first place. All who enter should ship their five bushels of grain to Will A. Campbell, Minneapolis, in time to reach him by November 1.

R. F. D. mail boxes, \$1.00 at Sterling & Kidder's.

WANT ADS.—The Outlook's Bargain Counter—WANT ADS.

LIVESTOCK.	Livestock	Real Estate and Rentals	Miscellaneous.
WANTED—Five dozen Rhode Island Red pullets, pure bred, from 5 to 9 months old. State price. Geo. Rodgers, R. 2, Gresham, 58	Stock hogs wanted. T. R. Howitt, Gresham. tf	For Rent. Furnished Housekeeping rooms for rent. On Main street, Gresham. Phone 51x.	Eastman Kodaks. Films, Plates, Paper, Postcards, Developer and other supplies. Kodak films developed and printed. W. R. Burke, Main street, Gresham. Phone 651. tf
FOR SALE—Pony, or will trade for fair buggy. Good under saddle. Drives single or double. Will sell cheap if taken soon. H. M. Miller, Gresham, R2. Phone 256. *57	FOR SALE—A team of colts, coming four. Enquire at the Outlook office, or phone 35x1.	MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE—1 2-horse power gasoline engine and pump in good order, cheap. A. Dowsett, Gresham. t	CORDWOOD delivered by John Larson, Route 4, phone 324. tf
FOR SALE—Good heavy work horse, or will trade for cows. Enquire M. Lennartz, Gresham, R. 2, or phone 275. tf	REAL ESTATE AND RENTALS Some More Choice Lots. For Sale in Zenith addition by the owners. The Independent Land Company. Easy terms. Buy direct and save commission. See E. H. Kelly, Res. Third street and Kelly avenue. tf	Gasoline Woodsaw. We would like to saw your wood. Please call or phone No. 50x1. Thoren & Magnuson, Gresham. tf	FOR RENT—Cottage on Main street, 5 rooms, electric lights, city water. Chas. Cleveland. tf
COWS WANTED —Only first-class milkers. Recently fresh or coming fresh soon. Leave name at Outlook office 56	FOR RENT—Five housekeeping rooms, plastered, city water. Enquire at Duke's Confectionery, Gresham, or phone Outlook. tf	Gresham Feed Mill wants oats and wheat. Highest cash prices. Phone 561.	LOTS FOR SALE at Cedarville—Easy terms. H. W. Snashall. Phone Gresham 74. tf
FOR SALE—1 Berkshire and two Poland China sows with young pigs. Phone Gresham 259. Webb Cherry Farm. *59	FOR SALE—5 acres half in 4 year old orchard beginning to bear, fine soil, all in cultivation; \$450 per acre. Half down, balance terms. E. A. Baker, Gresham, Ore., R. F. D. 3, box 37. Phone 79. *57	Are You Going to Build? If so, consult W. H. Karr, Gresham, Oregon. Plans and estimates furnished. tf	For Sale. One 3 1/2 wagon, one set heavy double harness, one rubber tired single buggy, and harness, one refrigerator, gasoline stove and washing machine. All in first-class order. FOSTER COOLEY, tf Third Street, Gresham.
STRAYED HORSE about 7 years old, brown color, on 22nd day of August. \$10 reward for finder. R. F. D. 1, box 118, Cleone, Oregon. *58	WANTED—A farm, on shares, with or without stock. W. R. Gould, Gresham, Oregon. *57	Get Butter Wrappers Now	Ford Auto for Sale. Four cylinder runabout. Will trade for horse and buggy or city property. Sig. Knighton, Gresham. Phone 47. 58

BOARD ASKS APPROVAL VOTE

Teachers Will Give Many New Students When School Opens Monday.

In conformity with a decision by the school board of District No. 4 to call a special election the voters of this district will vote on a proposition to levy a tax not exceeding \$2500 for the purpose of building a gymnasium. The election has been called for next Thursday at 2 o'clock at the schoolhouse and is in conformity with the laws governing special meetings, the reason for a special meeting being that some objection was raised as to the legality of a former appropriation which was voted at the annual election in June.

The proposed gymnasium is a new feature and is opposed by some, but it has received the indorsement of State Superintendent Alderman, County Superintendent Robinson Prof. J. H. Ackerman. That the tax call for \$2500 means only a small levy which with the wealth of District No. 4 can easily be raised with out apparent hardship in next year's taxes. The former vote was largely in its favor and there is every probability that the full amount will again be voted by the taxpayers next Thursday.

School will open again next Monday in all the grades with nine teachers in charge. G. R. Robinson will be principal and head of the high school with Miss Carral Miller, Mrs. C. B. Woodard and A. V. Ritchie as assistant teachers. All the grades are taught and each will have classes. In the other grades Miss Waldorf will have charge of the seventh and eighth; Mrs. M. Myers, fifth and sixth; Miss Laura G. Harvey, Miss Hope Anderson and Miss May Hughes will divide the other grades, the latter being in charge of the primary classes.

Mrs. Woodard will teach mathematics and German; Miss Miller, English and Latin and Mr. Ritchie science and history.

There is a good prospect of about 25 in the freshman class and 17 in the senior class and that many graduates next year. The four high school grades will possibly number 90 pupils of whom about 20 per cent will be from outside districts, the tuition fee being \$30 for outsiders. Grade tuition fee is \$15. These rates are said to be one-half the sum charged in the Portland school for non-residents of the district.

Those who come here to attend school will find ample accommodations for room and board in respectable homes. A few girls can get a part or all of their room and board expenses by doing work and some are coming with that idea in view. Those desiring such help should apply to Mr. Robinson.

Manual training will be taught again this year under the direction of Professor Robinson. The district has purchased the necessary tools which will be loaned to students who will be required to make a deposit to cover expenses of breakage and materials.

It is announced that oral spelling will be included in the high school courses, this being a part of the English work this year.

The school board is composed of O. I. Neal, chairman; Arthur Dowsett and Charles Cleveland. D. M. Roberts is district clerk.

Lumber Yard at Fairview.
In connection with their mill, handling feed, hay, grain, etc., the Sun Dial Feed Mill at Fairview will put in a lumber yard and handle all building materials, such as lumber, lath, shingles, tile, etc. Watch for their ad. next week. 56

Bids Wanted.
Sealed bids will be received up to 8 p. m. Saturday, September 14, 1912, at the office of the Recorder for the Town of Gresham, for the building of a town hall. Plans and specifications may be seen at the Bank of Gresham or Recorder's office. The town reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the council.

E. G. KARDELL, Chairman.
M. D. KERN,
H. L. ST. CLAIR,
Committee on Property.
Dated Sept. 6, 1912.