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MAKE IT A SUCCESS.

The loss of an appropriation by the county court is going to handicap the fair somewhat this year but it should not affect it seriously. Perhaps the legislature will give some help, as there is a bill pending to assist all district and county fairs, with an appropriation. Yet, if the Multnomah county fair does not get a cent of outside money it should be a success if every person will help it along as it should be helped. It is not a money making institution for its officers and directors as everyone knows yet the cost is something considerable for the premiums and all legitimate expenses.

Every fair held in Gresham has been a success despite some hard knocks, and there is no reason why it shouldn't be again a success this year. It only needs the unlimited support of every person who thinks a fair is a good thing, with rigid economy in every department, to have just as good a fair this year as ever before. The premiums will probably have to be reduced and several expenditures cut out entirely so as to save money, and with good weather and a good line of attractions for the furrow there will be no failure.

Over in Clackamas county the Canby fair receives the enthusiastic support of every citizen. In addition the stockmen who show regularly are building their own pens, thus relieving the association of that expense. Why don't they do it here? The different granges which expect to make exhibits will probably have to content themselves with smaller awards, and there will be no money for community exhibits, but they should all come to the front again and make the fair what it is intended to be—their best advertisement of the resources of their different localities.

The list of legislative appropriations being considered by the legislature does not contain any reference to district and county fairs, hence there is danger that the Multnomah county fair will have to depend upon itself this year. If so the loyalty of the people to a worthy institution should help it to be self sustaining.

In a recent issue, the demand for Oregon nursery stock was referred to and mention made of the purchase of 10,000 apple trees "from a Willamette Valley grower." Credit for supplying this stock should have been given to McMinnville instead. The McMinnville Reporter, properly anxious that its town should get due credit, calls attention to this matter and we hasten to make correction.

"Spelling bees" have returned to popularity in the middle West, with Chicago as the center of the activity. The point in favor of the revival is that there can hardly be too much good spelling or too many good spellers. The revival has struck Gresham and there will be one of the old fashioned kind of spelling matches tomorrow night when the Gresham Council of Women Voters meets in the Commercial club hall.

Captain Robert F. Scott, the Antarctic explorer perished with four companions on his return from a successful quest of the south pole. The bodies have been recovered and will be brought back by the relief ship sent to their assistance.

Tomorrow, Feb. 12, will be the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday. I has been made a legal holiday by the Oregon legislature.

The Gresham Commercial club seems to be hibernating. Like the bear it will probably wake up in the spring, give a few grunts and get busy.

PANAMA EXPOSITION WILL MEAN MUCH

That people generally have only a faint idea of the immensity of the coming Panama-Pacific Exposition and what it will mean to San Francisco, the United States and the world, is the opinion of L. H. Stone, a former Fairview resident who has just established headquarters in Gresham for the San Francisco Exposition Tour Company.

Generalizing on the coming exposition, Mr. Stone, said, "The exposition will be the greatest in history. It is called the One Hundred Million Dollar Fair and will be larger than the Chicago and St. Louis expositions together, and that's going some. In one hour San Francisco business men raised \$17,000,000 toward the expense of this fair and the subscribed amount has already reached \$55,000,000, with numerous state and foreign appropriations yet to come. Oregon of course will be there strong probably with a half million dollars.

"The keynote of the exposition will be education and efficiency. Plans are being formulated to hold, during the fair, a great educational congress of unprejudiced educators and leading thinkers. Efficiency in production and all lines of activity will be set forth in the exhibits. An exact model of the Panama canal will be displayed and demonstrated.

"The San Francisco Exposition Tour Co., was organized by a number of responsible San Francisco business men for the purpose of providing people a convenient means of visiting the fair and seeing the San Francisco sights at a reasonable rate."

According to the report of the Oregon Conservation Commission, this state has 545,000,000,000 feet of standing timber, or one-fifth that of the United States. Unused waterpower in Oregon streams is capable of producing 3,300,000 electric horsepower, 2,000,000 acres of this state can be irrigated at a cost of \$30 to \$50 per acre, making the land worth, when irrigated, from \$100 to \$500 per acre. The report outlines in a comprehensive way Oregon's many dormant resources.

The five counties making up the southeast Washington-Oregon Development league went on record, at a meeting of the organization, for a special community exhibit at the San Francisco exposition in 1915, in addition to liberate participation by both states. The league indorsed the activity of the Columbia and Snake river Waterway association in its work for open transportation, and adopted a resolution urging congress to appropriate sufficient funds for the completion of the Cello canal prior to 1915.

Because Oregon was admitted to the Union on February 14, 1859, a suggestion has been made that this be called the "Valentine State." It is claimed that this pseudonym has advantages over the misleading "Webfoot" and "Beaver" which have done duty for so many years.

Work is going forward on the new Trans-Oregon railroad being built westward from Vale by the Oregon Eastern railway. Trains are running to a point thirty-seven miles from Vale and grading operations will be continued throughout the winter.

Plans are now being laid to make event of the year on the Pacific coast. The Royal Rosarians, a Portland organization, have started a campaign for \$100,000 with which to give the celebration.

Six Potato Diseases.
That there are at least six well defined potato diseases, some of them causing great losses in Oregon, has been determined by the crop pest investigations at the Oregon Agricultural College. The experts have devoted their attention thus far mainly to a survey to discover the extent and distribution of potato diseases, but it is planned in the future to study each of the six principal diseases in detail with special reference to conditions in Oregon.

Co-operative work is under way to test different varieties of potatoes for disease resistance. The seed for these tests is furnished by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and a small field of the college farm has been planted, both good and bad potatoes being used, for comparison.

Apple and Pear Canker.
The crop pest department of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station is making an effort to classify the various fungi causing bark canker of apples and pears. Different ones have been isolated and inoculations, made.

GOVERNOR WEST WILL HAVE UPPER HAND NOW

Governor West appears now to have the whip hand of the legislature, if he cares to exercise it.

The condition has come about through failure of the houses to enact any important legislation, which failure has evidently put the governor in a strongly entrenched position if he desires to exercise his veto ax with the same celerity as two years ago.

There are but ten more working days of this session. The governor is given the constitutional right to withhold a bill for five days before he signs it, vetoes it or automatically allows it to become a law.

This gives the legislature practically but five days to get their important legislation out of the way and still have it back from the governor, in case of his veto, to consider it again this session.

So far there has been scarcely a measure, considered of first-rate importance, to go to the governor. None of the big appropriation bills have so far emanated from the committee.

It will be impossible for the legislature to get together on the main legislation within the period which would give them a chance to pass it over a veto, in event a veto should be forthcoming.

The situation seems simply this: The legislature cannot, working as it has worked so far, make any appreciable headway through the some 600 or 700 bills now before committees. The governor, at the end of the six days, will have a five-day period to hold all bills that are sent to him before he makes final disposition of them.

He can then veto bills to his heart's content without a "come-back" from the legislature unless the legislators decide to carry out the plan which they lined up early in the session. That plan was to take an adjournment for a week or ten days, return and pass on the vetoes and then adjourn sine die.

This seems to be another place where the governor now apparently has an upper hand. Many of the legislators had decided to assume this course in event the governor showed an inclination to indiscriminately veto bills through motives of revenge. Delay by the legislature in enacting legislation now makes it possible for the governor to delay bills to such an extent the members will be unable to ascertain just how he will handle them.

Many members who would be willing to adjourn over in event they were certain the governor would exercise a wholesale and indiscriminate use of the veto power will hesitate when they are not exactly certain as to what he will do. And they will not be certain, owing to the fact that the law-making mill, which started with a rush, is overburdened by a mountain of bills.

With a united Multnomah delegation behind it to give it successful impetus, a bill went into the legislature today, introduced by that delegation, which probably will result definitely in pledging Oregon to its share in the construction of an interstate bridge across the Columbia river. While the bill will mean, if enacted, that it is a state proposition, with the stamp of approval from the state written all over it, at the same time the state will bear an iota of the expense, the reimbursement of which will be practically guaranteed through revenues from the bridge. Representatives of the Portland Commercial club, appearing before the Multnomah delegation tonight, put the rollers under the plan in such a manner that it means the ultimate goal unless there is a decided slip.

Senate bill 80, by Calkins of Lane, granting the right of action to a wife or other relative against any saloonkeeper or bartender who may sell liquor to her husband or other relative when he is intoxicated, caused a mild storm. It was amended by the House committee on revision of laws and the word "knowingly" inserted. Bonebrake of Benton rose and declared that the one word would be sufficient to nullify the whole law and moved its elimination. He finally won his point.

Senate bill 56, by Butler has become a law. It provides for costs and disbursements in condemnation proceedings, providing that, where railroads offer a price to an owner who refuses it and the road is compelled to sue under condemnation and is upheld, property owner must pay costs.

Following a visit of committees from the legislatures of Oregon and Washington and of geological survey officials, a recommendation has been made for the appropriation of \$150,000 from three sources to make a thorough investigation and survey of the proposed Cello Falls water power site. Engineers in the party stated that the project is feasible and that 300,000 horsepower may be developed the year around and 235,000 additional horsepower for eight months of the year. It is said that this can be made the biggest water-power plant in the world with the cost of generation the lowest.

As Senate bill 72, providing for demonstration work throughout the state under the direction of the Agricultural College, is understood, it is gaining support in all quarters. It is distinctly a measure for the benefit of the man on the soil and will be of great advantage to the rural communities of Oregon. Senator Thompson, of Crook, Klamath and Lake counties, declares this bill is the most important piece of legislation before the present session or that can come before it. He declares that while it is of vast importance to the section of the state he represents, it is of equal benefit to all parts of Oregon.

The bureau of Animal Industry suggests the formation of Girls' Poultry clubs and has issued a bulletin on the subject. This idea may be of use in the Country Life movement in Oregon. It is the plan of the department to have a poultry expert attend meetings of the clubs and a set of rules is outlined. It is proposed to have an exhibition once a year, in connection with county fairs.

Results of recent experimental work on cherry gummosis in which important determinations were made at the Oregon Agricultural College will be given soon in the Oregon Countryman, a farm magazine published by the students.

Here is a message of hope and good cheer from Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va., who is the mother of eighteen children. Mrs. Martin was cured of stomach trouble and constipation by Chamberlain's Tablets after five years of suffering, and now recommends these tablets to the public. Sold by Gresham Drug Co., and Dealers everywhere.

Circuit Fair Association.
A movement is on foot, initiated by the Clackamas county fair association, to organize an inner-circuit fair association composed of the Canby, Gresham, Vancouver, Seilo, Eugene and McMinnville fairs. This matter has been presented to some of the associations and they seem to be favorably impressed with the plan.

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