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BIG MIDWAY SHOWS BIGGEST IN WEST

The biggest Midway ever seen at a county fair in Oregon, or on the Pacific Coast for that matter, is the one occupied by the Frisco Exposition Shows at the Multnomah county fair. The shows and riding devices cover a space of eight acres and they are badly crowded, their original specifications as to space calling for 10 acres.

Beset by every difficulty of weather and transportation the big 30 car train pulled into Mt. Hood depot of the P. R. L. & P. last night just before dark, being over 14 hours late from New Westminster, B. C., where the aggregation was the attraction at the fair. The cars were spotted, the runs lowered and the work of hauling the 45 wagons to the fair grounds started. "Bill" Ekstrom with his four trucks did Spartan service. The road in to the fair grounds was sloppy from the hard rain of yesterday and Sunday and the ground soft, but with the aid of two teams of horses the gigantic task was accomplished by 3 o'clock in the morning.

Arrangements had already been made with the fair management for the electric installation and Electrician Mack had thoughtfully installed bunch lights on each of the three poles installed on the Midway so the boys of the show were greatly assisted by this unexpected illumination.

The showmen have been busy erecting their tents and putting the riding devices together all day and the amusement area will be full of life and light this evening.

The show carries a captive seaplane, a new thriller in riding devices; the Whip, nicknamed the "shimmy tubs"; Ferris wheel and merry-go-round. Among the shows are a Wild West show, Diving Girl show, big circus side show, Gully Gully Mike's Oriental show; Crazy House, Negro Minstrels, pony Circus and trained animals and several other features.

There are four complete bands with the show and the roster comprises over 400 names, including employees, performers, etc. The show is engaged to play at the state fair at Salem after leaving here next Saturday night.

NOT AS BAD AS REPORTED; JONES IS STILL WITH US

There is general rejoicing in the construction department of the Multnomah County Fair, over the successful termination of the preparatory building work for the 1921 show. Heretofore it has been the custom when a fair was being arranged to kill Frank Jones, chief contractor, at least once during the get ready period. That's one of the reasons why Frank casts such a long pinuou shadow, albeit registering but little volume. His last demise at the fair grounds was the result of a too ambitious telephone pole which tried to measure up to Frank's reputation for agility with the result that it kicked him in some of his vital parts and nearly turned him into daisy food. However that's all over and buried with the past fair history. The fact remains that the 1921 fair has opened without anything more serious happening to the "tall cedar of Gresham" than being late to supper a few nights.

CLEVELAND'S POOL HALL ROBBED SUNDAY

William Holmberg, who was arrested early Sunday morning by Frank Wostell and placed in the city jail on a charge of burglary, has been released, sentenced on parole.

Holmberg broke into the pool hall owned by C. S. Cleveland, Saturday evening, within ten minutes of the time Mr. Cleveland closed the shop, and rifled the till of \$8 in change. Holmberg has been hanging around the pool room for some time and has been accepting the hospitality of Cleveland, who, he says has been befriending him through pity.

The case came up before Justice of the Peace Brown, who, acting upon advice of the district attorney and the fact that Mr. Cleveland failed to appear to prosecute, paroled Holmberg, and ordered him to report to the court every two weeks. Holmberg was also ordered to pay the board and room bills he had contracted and to leave town.

COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ATTRACTIVE BOOTH

Wednesday will be the big day at the county fair for schools and for the parents. Schools of the county will be closed and everyone will attend the fair. The chautauqua programs promise to be especially fine on Wednesday as the 13 circles of the county council of Parent-Teacher associations have brought in their best material for the afternoon and evening programs. Through an oversight the numbers from the Victory, Cedar and Corbett schools were omitted from the published program last Friday. Roma Frances Gillihan of Portland has also consented to give a piano solo.

The county council tent with its rest room and kindergarten and the exhibits of the County Public Health association and the county library which are all located in the large tent opposite the club building and the chautauqua tent, is one of the most attractive spots on the fair grounds.

IF YOU WANT SIGNS SIGN UP WITH TODD

Todd believes in signs. He makes signs, but does not talk. His signs talk, so he makes signs. Todd signs his signs "Todd" then people know they are Todd signs. Todd signs himself "Todd" because he wants people to know that the signs he signs Todd on are the signs that Todd made and not the signs he did not make. Because Todd makes signs and signs his signs, it is no sign that he does nothing but make signs. He paints barns, houses and pig pens just as artistically as he makes signs. See Todd about your sign. Sign your name so Todd will know whose sign he is to sign. Also he is the official sign man of the fair and has his shop close to the art exhibit which is fittingly proper for one who makes such artistic signs.

JAZZ TIME KELLY JAZZES THE FAIR

One of the entertaining and at the same time efficient publicity features of the county fair has been the novelty advertising of Jazz Time Kelly, singing clown comedian, who has in various costumes paraded the streets of Portland with the advertisement of the fair on his back. Kelly accompanies his promenades by various amusing stunts and invariably attracts the attention of the passer-by and fixes in his mind the affair and date of his subject.

He visited the Clackamas fair at Canby two days last week and attracted much attention by his antics, at the same time giving the Multnomah county fair much valuable publicity. Kelly will be on duty all week, telling the story of the fair to the people of Portland and creating merriment on the fair grounds at night.

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POMONA GRANGE HOLDS INTERESTING SESSION

Two hundred persons were present at Pomona grange last Wednesday when it met at Multnomah grange hall. A class of 27 was given the Pomona degree.

Arrangements for entertaining the national grange in November were completed as far as possible. J. J. Johnson was selected to act as drill master and to select a degree team. The putting on of the Pomona degree will be done by Clarke county, Washington and Multnomah county Pomona granges.

The by-laws of Pomona grange will be revised by a committee of four who were appointed Wednesday and who will report at the next session. This committee consists of J. J. Johnson, A. F. Miller, Wilda Buckman and E. L. Thorpe.

A drastic resolution dealing with the alleged conditions of the roadhouses and dance halls of the county, and calling for action for the eradication of these alleged conditions, was adopted unanimously by the members of Pomona. The resolution is as follows:

Whereas, There exists in this county roadhouses and dance halls in which questionable dances and other practices of indecent and immoral nature are conducted contrary to law, which endanger our sons and daughters, and are a disgrace and public menace in our midst. Therefore be it

Resolved, By Multnomah Pomona grange in regular session assembled, that we condemn in the strongest terms such dance halls and roadhouses, and deplore the fact that they are permitted to carry on their nefarious business, and we urge and demand that the district attorney and other proper county officials take prompt and effective measures to curb and correct or entirely do away with these disreputable places.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the district attorney and to the board of county commissioners and to the attorney-general of the state.

One of the interesting features of the session was the report of increased membership during the past three months. The total increase was 141 members of which number Russellville had 114 new members during the last three months. This has won for Russellville the permanent ownership of the championship banner offered by Pomona grange more than a year ago. This banner was given each session to the grange which had won during the past three months the largest percentage of membership. The first grange to win the banner three times became its permanent owner. This has happened now and Russellville claims the championship for the county.



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