

INTEREST IN 1927 FAIR IS AROUSED BY TWO-DAY TRIP

A two-day auto trip through one of the most fertile portions of the Willamette valley, and the opportunity to be associated with a caravan of 1927 fair boosters, looked alluringly attractive to the Outlook editor the latter part of last week, and here's telling you it was some trip.

The start on Friday, the 13th, with 13 stops scheduled would have been regarded unfavorably by the superstitious. But if any were fearful their enthusiasm overcame their fears and the songs, yells and ringing speeches of the caravansers hoodooed the hoodoos.

And some such result was really apparent. As the crowds at the various stops listened to the clear explanations and rousing appeals for support of the proposed fair the aduerseness, indifference and prejudice of the men and women seemed to be driven back to the woods and a new light of comprehension and interest broke over the faces of the listeners.

Personal Contact Wins.
There is nothing like the personal contact in promoting a good cause. All that the people might have read in a dozen years would not have broken down their prejudices or aroused their interest like the flow of oratory and bursts of enthusiasm that characterized the several speakers on this caravan trip.

The itinerary included stops at the following towns and cities: Newberg, Dayton, Sheridan, Dallas, Independence, McMinnville, Carlton, Yamhill, Gaston, Forest Grove, Cornelius, Hillsboro, Reedville and Beaverton. There were about 70 persons in about 20 autos. The distance covered was about 180 miles with Portland as a starting point. The autos were decorated with banners that proclaimed the certainty of an exposition in 1927.

Fair a Certainty.
Certainty may be a strong word. The whole object of the caravans, this being the third to various parts of the state, is to make certainty more certain. The boosters from Portland say there is sure to be a fair if—the voters of the state on November 7 vote favorably on the special constitution amendment permitting Portland to tax itself above the 6 per cent limit to raise a million dollars a year for three years to provide a fund of \$3,000,000 with which to finance the fair. To this is to be added \$1,000,000 by private subscription. All the voters of the state vote on the amendment. Portland votes on the tax. If both carry it is a certainty the fair will be held. It seems a practical certainty both measures will carry.

It is positively assured that the state will not be called on to raise by taxation anything for the financing of the fair, except that the state of Oregon will be expected to make a creditable display along with other states of the union.

This plan seems so easy and reasonable that oppositions would be utterly foolish, and hence the 1927 exposition is practically assured.

Many Uninformed.
It is evident, however, that people need enlightenment on the subject.

There are still many persons who do not comprehend the motive and method of Portland in promoting the fair. Even a few editors of the state are opposing giving Portland the right to tax itself for the benefit of the whole state. The proposed fair is to be an Oregon fair and will be planned and conducted to benefit all of Oregon.

The principal speakers on the caravan were Mayor George L. Baker; Otto Hartwig, president Oregon Federation of Labor; Rev. Chas. MacCaughy, pastor of Centenary-Wilbur M. E. church; George L. Rauch, president Portland Ad. club. Gresham was represented in the caravan by John Brown and H. L. St. Clair.

Caravanners Arrested.
The many caravanners were given a welcome in all towns and cities. In some they were most royally welcomed. At Sheridan the autos were loaded with flowers and fruit. At McMinnville the caravan was met by the band and escorted to the armory for a big evening meeting. At Monmouth, where no stop was scheduled, the entire party was placed under arrest by an officious constable for speeding. The charges were dismissed on payment of a few dollars cost.

The leaders of the caravan seemed well pleased with the results of their effort and are counting on unanimous support from the Willamette valley for the constitutional measure which alone can make the 1927 fair possible.

Strong Arguments Presented.
The different speakers presented the arguments for the fair from various viewpoints. The burden of Mayor Baker's talks was that Oregon needed more people; that more people could only be gotten by advertising our resources and opportunities and inviting them to come; the fair would give a new impetus to growth and development throughout the state. Oregon, he said, had only 8 people to the square mile, as against Washington's 20 and California's 22. Multnomah county had 573 to the square mile, leaving the out counties from three to five.

Rev. Mr. McCaughy drew a forceful picture from a store window. He said the fair was to be a big show window of Oregon's products and resources. Geo. L. Rauch argued that Oregon citizens needed more of the spirit of youth. Her people needed to be more awake to their opportunities and put forth more energy in developing the state's resources. Otto Hartwig told of the benefits that would accrue to working people from a quickening of our industries. He urged that more working people from the crowded sections of the east should be induced to come where living conditions were more healthful. By their employment in various lines of work they would add to our meager population and to our material wealth.

Another caravan will leave Saturday morning for Seaside and towns of the lower Columbia.

A meeting is being arranged to give the fair boosters, including Mayor Baker, an opportunity to speak to Gresham people.

INSURANCE EXPLAINED TO GRANGERS; SUPPORT FOR ROSS BRIDGE ASKED

A new insurance policy which has just recently been adopted by the grange, was explained Saturday at the regular meeting of the Gresham grange.

This insurance is known as the "National Grange Benefit". It is managed and controlled by the national grange. It issues benefit certificates to members of the grange who are in good standing, for \$150 at an annual cost of \$1.80, payable in advance. This is a rate of 15 cents a month. These benefits will go into effect as soon as 1000 signed applications have been received and approved at headquarters. No medical examination is required and there is no age limit at the present time for male and female members 16 years of age and over.

Application is to be made to the subordinate grange secretary of each grange who is supplied with application blanks. After the signed applications have been accepted and approved at national headquarters, certificates are forwarded to the subordinate granges for delivery to the parties taking them out. Leslie R. Smith, who has rooms in the National Metropolitan Bank Building, Washington, D. C., has been made manager of this new insurance.

The question was brought up at Saturday's meeting whether this benefit is reliable. The answer to this question is given by the fact that the national grange stands back of it. The main benefits derived from it is intended for the older grange members who deserve aid through their many years of loyalty to the grange. It is possible that, after the 1900 persons have taken out policies, there will be a limit made to the age of the applicant who makes application for a policy but this ought not to be so. The grange ought to be able to afford to give the grangers this protection as is done by many lodges.

Grange Celebrates Wedding Anniversary.

Last Saturday, October 14, besides being regular day for the Gresham grange to meet, was also the 45th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Parsons, who have been members of the Gresham grange for about 15 years. In honor of their loyalty to the grange a little surprise was planned for them on that day.

The usual splendid grange dinner was served but one or two extra features were added for the occasion. Three long tables were tastefully set and supplied with many good things to eat. The first table was arranged for the guests of honor. A large wedding bell covered with rose buds was hung over the table and underneath the bell was a large white wedding cake, especially designed by the city baker. On the cake were forty-five pink candles, one for each year of happy married life. The candles were lighted as the guests were seated and remained burning until after the Rev. A. S. Hisey had offered prayer. The occasion proved to be a very enjoyable one. The guests of honor received a number of pretty gifts from the grange and friends.

Ross Island Bridge Discussed.

A. G. Johnson, of Portland, gave an interesting talk on the Ross Island bridge which is one of the proposed new bridges to be built across the Willamette river and the people will be asked to vote on it this fall. Mr. Johnson asks the people of this vicinity to lend their support to this project because of the benefit which this

bridge will be to them if it is built. It will offer a convenient access to Portland from the Powell Valley road and thus shorten the distance to Portland.

Mr. Johnson's argument in favor of the bridge was a very convincing one. It is his belief that a revolution of traffic has taken place. At the present time there is one auto to every eight persons. Not many years have elapsed since the first bridge was built across the Willamette connecting the east and west parts of Portland. Now there are five bridges. It would seem that with so many bridges there should be no difficulty in handling the traffic but this is not so.

The Hawthorne bridge is the most southerly of the bridges and gets much of the traffic. At the present time an average of 15,000 vehicles pass over it daily within 24 hours. The number has doubled within the past four years with the result that, at the present time it is difficult to handle the traffic.

The proposed new Ross Island bridge if built will take some of this burden from the Hawthorne bridge as all of the vehicles coming in on the Powell Valley road will naturally use the new bridge.

The site for the new bridge is at Grand avenue and Kelly on one side of the river and at Grover and Beacon streets on the opposite side. It will span the river 130 feet above the water and the top of the bridge will be 60 feet high. It will be 3500 feet long. The cost is estimated at \$1,600,000 which is slightly less than the cost of the Broadway bridge. According to Mr. Johnson, \$115,000 a year will provide a sinking fund so that within 30 years the bridge will be paid for besides providing enough extra money to pay all of the expenses for upkeep.

People Asked to Support Measure.

In view of the direct benefit which the people of Gresham and all those living this side of Portland will derive from the bridge, the people are asked to vote favorably on the measure at election on November 7. An article on the front page in the preceding issue of the Outlook explains the matter quite fully.

Trip Across Plains Told.

Mrs. L. P. Manning, of Gresham, is writing a history what is known as the Bonny clan which tells of Mrs. Manning's grandfather's trip across the plains. She had already begun the writing of it and was asked to read a part of it at the last meeting of the grange. Instead of reading the narrative she had written, Mrs. Manning read one written by her second cousin who is also a Bonny. The narrative was an interesting one and much enjoyed by the audience. It told of the crossing of the plains and of many interesting things which happened. It ended by the party reaching Oregon City in 1846 and settling there.

Evening Meetings to Be Held.

At the last meeting of the Gresham grange, it was voted to hold two meetings a month instead of one. The regular meeting is always held on the second Saturday of the month and is an all-day session. The second one is to be on the first Friday evening of each month. If enough interest is shown in these meetings, they will be continued throughout the winter. The first one will be held Friday evening, October 27.

Firemen's Dance.

A dance will be given in the Fairview city hall on Saturday evening, October 21, for the benefit of the Fairview fire department.

Water Bonds Sold to Portland Firm at High Premium

An adjourned meeting of the Gresham city council was held last Thursday evening at which time bids on the water bonds were opened. The council ordered a street light installed on the corner of Lawrence and Spruce avenues. A shed was also ordered built back of the city hall to be used for housing machinery.

Nine firms were represented Thursday evening and offered bids for the purchase of the water bonds. All of the firms were from Portland, but in many cases they represented eastern bonding houses. Those who offered bids were: Freeman, Camp & Smith, Ralph Schneelock & Co., Cyrus Peeler & Co., Blyth, Witter & Co., Atkinson, Zilka & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Lumberman's Trust Co., Robertson & Ewing, and Clark, Kendall & Co. E. H. Rollins & Sons were given the bid. The bonds were purchased by them for \$1019 per \$1000 bonds at 5 per cent interest to run for 30 years.

Candidates Have Not Qualified.

City Recorder C. G. Schneider sends out a warning to all nominees for city government positions who have not yet qualified to do so as soon as possible. This can be done by signing the proper papers at Attorney Schneider's office. Those who have not qualified at the present time are K. A. Miller, Geo. Kenney, John Sleret, Wm. Hesel, Wm. Thom, B. W. Thorne, Rev. H. R. Gebhardt and James Elkington. The only ones who have qualified are Dr. A. W. Botkin and Frank Jones. Mr. Schneider is in his Gresham office on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

An adjourned meeting of the city council will be held on Wednesday evening, October 25 in the city hall.

SILAS P. HALE IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Silas P. Hale, for 36 years a resident of the Pleasant Home district, passed away at the family home on Monday evening, October 16, from complications of heart and kidney trouble. He had been confined to his bed for 11 weeks.

The funeral will be held from the Pleasant Home Methodist church on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the interment will be in the Pleasant Home cemetery.

Mr. Hale was 66 years of age. He is survived by his widow, four sons and a daughter. The children are Louis of Elgin, Miss Edith and Walter of Portland, Floyd of Walla Walla and Arthur of the home place.

NEW PARSONAGE IS TO BE DEDICATED

The dedication services for the new Zion Evangelical church parsonage are to be held next Sunday, October 22, at the church and will be an all-day session.

Reformation and Holy Communion services will begin in the morning at 11 o'clock in the German language. The Rev. F. Schaefer of Milwaukie will preach.

A basket lunch will be served at noon.

The dedicatory services in the English language will commence at 2 o'clock in the afternoon in which the local pastors will participate. The public and especially the members of the local churches are invited to be present at these services and to inspect the new parsonage.

STORAGE BATTERY CO. SOLD TO PORTLANDER

Roy L. Menasco, of Portland, has rented room in the building next to Brown's Market, and has opened a sales and service station for the well known Westinghouse Storage battery line. This battery is a product of the company that manufactures the air brake train equipment and shock absorbers for automobiles. The Westinghouse battery is a high-quality accessory, and is stock equipment on some of the highest priced automobiles made.

M. Menasco has purchased the fixtures of the Gresham Storage Battery company, and they have been moved to the new location. He states that he will take care, so far as possible, of the old customers of the storage battery company. Mr. Menasco's business will be known as the Gresham Storage Battery company. He will also do starter and ignition work.

Judge G. W. Wonacott, his son, Roy and J. E. Metzger left on Saturday for southern Oregon to hunt deer. The judge will not return to Gresham with the others but will join Mrs. Wonacott at Roseburg and together they will proceed to California, where they will spend the winter.

A Want Ad lets you right in on the ground floor in most any small business deal.

COUNTY AGENT RETURNS FROM TOUR OF FARMS

S. B. Hall, county agent, returned the latter part of last week from a week's vacation trip which he spent making a tour through the country to find out what crops were raised this year.

Mr. Hall had been invited to attend the fair at Redmond, Washington, and judge the farm exhibits but when he arrived at the fair he found a herd of from 40 to 50 head of Holsteins and was also asked to judge them.

During his trip, he saw many fine fields of potatoes. The drought didn't seem to effect them as much as would have been expected. The price, however, is low and the farmers are not expecting very high returns. The potato men in the Yakima valley were very blue. A few carloads in that district were sold for \$15 a ton but the prevailing price is from \$12 to \$13 a ton for the best marketable potatoes.

There is a good fruit crop in the Yakima country. The apples, however, are very wormy. The harvest season is now on but there are very few orders for apples and the growers are quite discouraged.

The only farmers in the Yakima country that so far have any chance to realize anything for their crops are the hay raisers. Alfalfa hay is selling for from \$13 to \$14 a ton, f. o. b. to points in the valley.

During his tour, Mr. Hall spent several days in Patterson and Boardman on the West Umatilla irrigation project. A larger per cent of the farmers there are raising hay this year and are said to be doing fairly well. Hay is selling right along at a reasonable price.

Two days spent in eastern Oregon revealed much regarding conditions there. The beef cattle men are up against a hard proposition with hay high and beef cattle cheap. The sheep men have nothing to complain about as three breed ewes are worth as much as a big fat cow. A ewe is worth about \$10 while a beef cow is only worth \$30.

The trip through the country proved very interesting to the county agent. Having a Holstein herd of his own, he is particularly interested in that breed of stock. He visited seven Holstein breeder's farms in eastern Oregon and in Washington. In all, Mr. Hall was very well satisfied with his trip and believes it to have been a vacation well spent even though it was a short one.

ROCKWOOD WATER DISTRICT FORMED

The vote on the Rockwood water district carried by 38 votes at the election held last Saturday at Rockwood. Two separate boards of commissioners were on the ballot, one in favor of the organization of the water district and the other against it.

Following are the names of the commissioners elected and the number of votes received: S. A. Arata, 290; Geo. E. Barr, 290; Bert E. Boice, 291; C. L. Haynes, 285 and Wm. McKee, 286.

The following were on the opposing side and received the following number of votes: David McKeown, 223; Tom C. Miller, 227; A. C. Ruby, 236; Wm. Stanley, 231; J. W. Townsend, 234.

JUDGES AND LEGION MEN FRATERNIZE

An informal meeting of all Multnomah county judges was held in Judge Deich's court room last night, which was attended by Justice of the Peace John Brown. The meeting was arranged by and held under the auspices of Over the Top Post No. 81, veterans of Foreign Wars, of which Judge Deich is quartermaster. The object of the meeting as stated in the invitation was to promote mutual acquaintance and interest. Judges Rossman, Morrow, Evans, Stapleton, Gatens, Tazwell, Ekwell and Justice Brown were called on to speak. The judges endorsed the plan to make Armistice day a holiday and celebrate the day by appropriate observances.

The only thing more monotonous than to have to do the same things at the same time every day is having to do nothing at any time any day.

OUTLOOK'S SUGGESTION GETS RESULTS

The Outlook is delighted to learn that Henry Ford has acted so quickly on this paper's suggestion of a week or more ago that in view of his being the wealthiest man in the world he might reduce the price of his cars and thus benefit thousands of poor people. He has done it. A telegram received today by Baker & Son, the local dealers, states that beginning at once the price of Fords is materially reduced.

PUPILS WILL WRITE ESSAYS ON 1927 EXPOSITION FOR PRIZES

Twenty prizes of \$50 each are to be offered school children of Oregon for the best essays on the 1927 Exposition was the decision made by the general committee in charge of the fair at a luncheon held Thursday at the Portland Hotel in Portland in honor of the representatives of Portland Women's clubs.

The prizes will be in the form of \$50 savings accounts. Ten will be offered for school children of the state outside of Portland and ten for those inside the city of Portland.

Six Portland men have already pledged a subscription of \$50 each toward the prize fund and 14 others will be asked to do so.

Women speakers at the luncheon yesterday told the fair committee that their organizations are thoroughly in accord with the plans already outlined for the exposition, some of them declaring that sentiment for a 1927 show is 100 per cent.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled Veterans sent delegates to assure that their organizations are not only in favor of the fair, but are working actively to create further sentiment for it everywhere in the state.

Mayor Baker, of Portland, acted as chairman of the day.

"We are all for any plan that will upbuild the state and assure its future development," declared the mayor, "but the idea that will build Oregon now is the one we should put our shoulders behind. A world's fair in 1927 is the best plan that has thus

far been suggested. The people of Portland and the press are committed to the state at large, to the nation and to foreign countries on the fair project. We must hold the exposition or break faith with the world. If we were to drop the project now the people throughout the state would have a right to say that Portland is a city of idle boasters."

H. H. Haynes, hustling member of the fair committee, will have charge of women's clubs activities in the coming campaign to obtain the passage of city and state measures authorizing the exposition. J. O. Wilson, well-known member of the lodge of Woodmen of the World, will direct the campaign for support of fraternal societies throughout the state.

Outlook-Enterprise Combination.
Subscriptions will be taken for the Outlook and the Oregon City Enterprise for one year for \$2.50.

CARAVANNERS INVITED TO VISIT GRESHAM

The Progressive Citizen's League at its meeting last night endorsed the plan to arrange for a meeting in the near future to hear Mayor Baker and other speakers for the 1927 exposition. It is hoped a date can be decided on and announcement made later this week. An effort is being made to secure a date next week. The high school orchestra has been spoken for and the meeting will be an eventful one. Watch for fuller announcement later.

Oregon's World Champion Jersey



Mrs. Sam J. McKee of Independence, Ore., is holding Lad's Iota, the champion Jersey cow of the world. Oregon has long held most of the Jersey honors. A few years ago Vive La France was world's champion, and she lived at Marion, Ore. Then some Maine cow managed to squeeze out a few more pounds of butterfat. But Lad's Iota promptly came to the front with a production of 1048.97 pounds of butterfat in 18,632 pounds of milk in a year and brought back the Jersey crown to Oregon.

This wonderful cow is expected to be at the Pacific International Live Stock Exposition, at Portland, Ore., November 4-11.