

THE 1924 MULTNOMAH COUNTY FAIR WILL SOON BE HISTORY

Has Been a Record Breaker for Entertainment of a High Class With a Thousand and One Thrills.

COST OF FAIR AND ATTENDANCE HIGH

Children's Farm Home and the Fair Have Been Greatly Benefited by Publicity and Sale of Tickets.

The 1924 Multnomah County Fair will soon be a thing of the past leaving in the minds of tens of thousands a pleasant memory of the sights and sounds and impressions that customarily go to make up a county fair.

There have been other good fairs at Gresham but this one is rated best by the old timers who have attended them all. In point of attendance this fair has probably already outstripped them all with another day or two to go on.

The program of amusements has been the most varied, extensive and costly ever planned for this fair. The arrangement of the grounds and accommodations have been unsurpassed if equaled anywhere except at large state fairs.

It is not possible to make at this time any estimate of the financial outcome but it is believed the fair will be ahead several thousand dollars over all expenses. The children's home benefit ticket selling campaign has not come up to expectations but still has helped in many ways.

Boys and Girls Make Creditable Showing.

A visit to the boys' and girls' club building convinces one that the boys and girls of Multnomah county are not napping. W. D. Kinder, county club agent, is in charge of the work and is assisted by his wife who presides at the club building. It would not be an exaggeration to state that much of the display here, all of it the work of girls of teen age, would make a creditable showing alongside that of the exhibits of the women's department of domestic art. Here are dresses, aprons, embroidered sets, crochet, samples of mending, trimmed hats and in the culinary department canned fruits and vegetables, cakes, bread, etc. These girls know how to get a meal and are proud of it. In fact, all their friends are proud of them. Jane Lord and Evelyn Hanson gave a practical demonstration this morning of the use of steam pressure cooker.

The boys have a sample of nearly every vegetable you could mention which they have grown and harvested by their own efforts. Many of them are also proficient in the art of cake and bread baking. John Fleming won the cup offered by R. A. Tillman in the showmanship contest. Lawrence Aylsworth won first place in the junior showman contest for first-year boys in Holstein calf club work, the prize being a halter awarded by Arthur Burns. Margaret Kerslake ran a close second and was also awarded a halter.

The Multnomah county health bureau has a booth in this building and two attendants are kept busy letting folks test their lung capacity, also testing children to determine their health status in relation to weight and measurements.

Art Department Crowded With Fine Work.

A day could profitably be spent in the art department alone which is in charge of Mrs. Vera Tucker. Ray Strong of Gresham has received several honors in oils and water colors, as has R. Hardy, the local photographer in his line of work. Two Portland studios, the Steffens-Colmer and the Pearsley, have exceptional photo studies. Mrs. J. E. Petite has the largest display of monochrome, the one of Lincoln, also the horse head being two that are much admired. There is some notable work by children in posters and etchings.

In a class of its own are four wonderful pictures made of small pieces of cloth, without use of paint, pencil or ink, the handwork of Lillian R. Cram. The lamp shade in parchment was made by Mrs. Myra Helm. Among the curios may be seen a platter 190 years old loaned by F. N. Lasley, of Corbett. Indian curios, basketry, china firing, a spinning wheel,—these are but a few of the many. In this department is a beautiful Chinese

Program for Sunday on Fair Grounds.

A program of races and Frontier Day exhibitions has been announced for Sunday afternoon at the race track on the fair grounds starting at 2 o'clock.

The Salvation Army will hold one of their characteristic, heart-stirring services with good music and speaking at the chautauqua tent in the grove, beginning at 2 p. m.

The carnival queen, being chosen by popular vote, will be crowned at the grandstand Sunday evening probably after 9 o'clock. There will be other entertaining features during the evening.

The fair will close Sunday night.

cent on the investment. Both the Canadian and the United States governments issue bulletins covering every phase of needed information. The exhibition which is being shown at the fair is the finest display of pelts, together with prize ribbons and cups, ever shown in Portland or vicinity. Mr. McNeerney will be pleased to give out all possible information relative to this new industry.

Gas Company Demonstrates.

At the head of the stairs in main pavilion the Portland Gas and Coke company is displaying its fine new Vulcan smoothtop which keeps three vessels boiling at once with only one burner of gas. "It's a joy, only 75c down." A radiantly shown, which costs from 3c to 4c an hour to run, according to the demonstrator, likewise a new floor furnace which operates at about the same expense.

Indians Help Advertise Fair.

Three auto loads of Indians driven by local men went to Portland Thursday morning, where they visited several hotels under the direction of Publicity Agent, H. H. Bushnell to help boost the fair. The splendor of their regalia might be said to be outdone by nothing this side of the sun.

Much prominence is being given to Indian exhibits this year at the fair. Wood's Indian village of Portland displaying among many things a wonderful Chilcat blanket valued at \$350 and a totem pole worth \$50. Two immense beaded bags have a blue ribbon on them.

Floral Display Unusually Attractive.

The floral display in the building opposite pavilion is proving a mecca to thousands of flower lovers. Evergreens and paper festoons have converted a shabby old building into a bower of beauty. Here one stands entranced and drinks in the fragrant loveliness of flaming gladioli, stately lilies, sweet peas of which there are nearly 20 varieties, fuschias, begonias and hundreds of others.

Among the oddities are the silver dollars, the rat tail cactus, the century plant, the touchy eryngium and everlasting flowers. Geraniums, daisies and dahlias occupy dignified

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UMATILLA INDIANS ARE INTERESTING FEATURE OF FAIR

Gorgeous Regalia and Wierd Music and War Dances Attract Crowds.

CIVILIZED CHARACTERISTICS SEEN.

There has never been a fair at Gresham, and possibly nowhere else in the state, where there have been so many varied and interesting features as at the Multnomah county fair this year. Not the least of the features that attract and please is the delegation of Indians from the Umatilla reservation.

Chief Gilbert Minthorn has all the aplomb of a diplomat and all the dignity of a king. He has had years of experience in exhibitions of all kinds. About 17 years ago he and a party of his braves camped at Portland for a season. He has been at the Pendleton roundup year after year and he and his followers are an integral part of the big eastern Oregon show.

There are about 65 Indians on the fair grounds. They have about 250 horses, many of them poems of equine beauty. The bucks in their gorgeous regalia are most colorful, but the photographers who flocked about the tepees during the fair were most anxious to snap the little paopoes. They were cute little fellows and seemed to be sturdy and vigorous.

The younger men enjoyed the fair very much themselves. They are not untutored or unsophisticated savages, but well educated and possessed of a keen sense of humor. The suspicion is that they poke some sly, good natured fun at the crowds which hover about them all the time.

During the parade last Monday in Portland they entered into the spirit of the affair with the vigor of horn actors, whooped and uttered shrill yells and danced with vigor and abandon. They pounded their tomtoms and sang their monotonous songs, but on the way back to the fair grounds they all sang, "It Ain't Goin' to Rain No Mo'."

The Indians at Gresham are all of the Cayuse branch of the Umatilla tribe. They live on the Umatilla reservation, where they farm and raise livestock. They have a side line of Indian curios. Many of the Indian men are fine looking and all of them are dignified. The younger women are comely and some of them not very dark. The babies are invariably cute. They will be remembered long, and many who attended the fair this year hope they will return next summer.

Hundreds of Pigeons Shown.

The pigeon exhibit is one of the outstanding features of the poultry department, there being 1200 shown, all owned in Oregon. This is 400 more than were shown at the state fair last fall and is said to be the largest number of pigeons ever shown together on the Pacific coast.

BIG ATTENDANCE ON GRESHAM DAY

Yesterday was without question the record day so far of what promises to be the record fair of the eighteen held at Gresham.

Being Gresham day, with all stores and business places locked up tight from noon to 5 o'clock, it is safe to say that all Gresham was on the fair grounds. Added to the thousands of the immediate locality were other thousands from surrounding localities and multitudes from Portland and elsewhere.

There were so many attractions, and the crowds were so great, that it was found impossible to pull off the stunts planned for Gresham day, but likely no one missed them. Everybody seemed to be happy and well satisfied.

During the afternoon for the races and attractions the grandstand and bleachers were filled to capacity and an overflow crowd was admitted to the infield. The grandstand and bleachers were again crowded for the night show.

Congressman Elton Watkins was the principal speaker at the afternoon program. He was introduced by Judge Stapleton and told in brief of the conspicuous laws passed at the last session of congress.

The Oregonian in its write-up of yesterday's events says that the parade was perhaps the most colorful ever seen on the local track. Headed by the old covered wagon drawn by oxen and piloted by Joe Douglas of Troutdale, the long line, stretching completely around the race course, was greeted by frequent outbursts of applause as it passed the grandstand. Second in line was the Boys' and Girls' club livestock, many of which had won a wide variety of prizes. These were followed by the thoroughbred stock owned by ranchers all over the county. All told 125 head of cattle were in line. Next came dogs and goats and then the Umatilla Indians in their feathers and finery, animals from the horse show and A. S. Ruby with his Percherons, Belgians and Shires.

The Oregonian also records an unfortunate accident on the race track and emphasizes the growing sentiment in favor of a larger track and better buildings.

Larger Track Wanted.

The accident of the afternoon, when Baron C., a three-year-old brown gelding, broke its leg on the south turn of the race track while leading the field by a long distance, has resulted in the directors laying plans to obtain more land upon which to enlarge the track and make the turns wider. Three horses, in as many years, have broken legs on this turn.

It has already been proved that the grandstand is not large enough to accommodate the crowds. Hundreds have been turned away every night and both afternoons, during the racing.

A. W. Metzger, president of the fair board, who is officiating in that capacity for the first time this year, expressed his thanks to the people of Portland and Multnomah county this afternoon for their support of the fair.

Queen Patricia, is a great favorite with fair crowds. When she arrived to take her place in the royal box in the grandstand for the races, she was greeted noisily by the great crowd, which stood until she was seated and gave her a rousing cheer.

The Multnomah county fair has grown to such an extent that the board of managers already has begun considering the addition of more land and new buildings for the 1925 fair. Attendance this year has broken all previous records. Today nearly 10,000 persons paid their way into the grounds, and race track for the horse races, to see Queen Patricia and to witness the wild west performances. This means that during the first three days of the fair about 25,000 people have visited the grounds.

The plan under discussion by the fair board, is the erection of a new pavilion of the bungalow type, to occupy the same site as now taken up by the old pavilion which has been answering the purpose of housing exhibits for many years and has become more or less dilapidated. The management has in mind a modern structure of greater size than the present building, with sliding partitions between booths and the entire interior painted white, making the whole uniform.

One small boy rode over from Vancouver, Washington, Tuesday alone on a bicycle to see the fair. And is he missing any of it? Ask him. Will his mother see him before Saturday night? Yes, we think not.

Do you know that J. A. Douglass of Troutdale is here with his famous yoke of oxen? Why, they hauled seven of Oregon's prettiest girls in the 1923 rose show and this year are cultivating corn. Their combined weight is nearly 4000 pounds.

QUEEN PATRICIA CROWNED WITH PRETTY CEREMONY

Decorated Box Reserved for Queen and Her Five Lady Attendants.

GOVERNOR PIERCE PLACES CROWN.

Beauty again proved to be a lure and the crowning of Queen Patricia at the fair grounds Wednesday afternoon helped to gather as great a throng as any other feature of the fair. Long before the appointed time an immense crowd had collected, filling the grand stand, the bleachers and all the space available.

Queen Patricia Smith and her maids of honor, the Misses Frances Hare, Marjorie Scott, Maybelle Harris, Irene Schlegel and Lois Bell Winstock, arrived in company with J. N. Barde and other dignitaries. The stand was made ready and the queen descended from the royal car, followed by her retinue, including her train bearer, little Miss Patricia Temple, five years old.

She was garbed in a lovely white satin gown, with a robe of crimson, trimmed in ermine and lined with yellow satin. Her costume and those of her maids were purchased by Mr. Barde at his own personal expense.

Governor Walter M. Pierce had the honor of placing the crown on the dark curls of the queen and in doing so, established a precedent in court etiquette for the state by saluting the royal hand. This precedent was eagerly followed by Judge Stapleton and other gentlemen of the party.

After several brief addresses by the governor, Judge Stapleton, J. N. Barde and John Henderson, the latter two representing the cause of the children's farm home, the queen and her maids descended to a carpet laid from the stand to the box set aside for her for use during the fair.

Miss Patricia thoroughly enjoyed the program of sports and the races. She was proclaimed Portland's most beautiful girl last year, and if anything she is more beautiful today than she was when these honors first came to her.

In the evening she enjoyed the hospitality of the fair, accompanied by a squad of four motorcycle deputy sheriffs, who seemed perfectly satisfied to sit close to the ruling monarch. A good many members of the fair board hovered around the box during the evening.

The queen is attending the fair every afternoon and evening and is always greeted with acclaim.

The members of the fair board committee acting as a reception committee for the queen and for other distinguished visitors during the fair are Judge Stapleton, T. J. Kreuder, H. L. St. Clair, Frank Jones, H. A. Lewis and E. W. Aylsworth.

A formal reception and luncheon in honor of the queen and her court will be held at the cafeteria on the grounds at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

BERNICE BEERS LEADS IN QUEEN CONTEST

As we go to press the question of who is going to be elected Carnival Queen of Gresham fair is difficult to decide, as there are four girls who are working every minute with the hopes of being crowned queen and presented with the Ford coupe. The festivities will take place in front of the grand stand Sunday night.

The contest closes Saturday night at 11 p. m. at which time a final report will be made to Contest Manager T. W. Dyer.

The standing of the contestant is as follows:
Bernice Beers 11,510
Golda Adams 10,610
Rose Potter 6,580
Ella Peterson 6,000

Word has been received from the authorities at the state hospital at Salem that Maxwell Schneider is critically ill. Mrs. Schneider has gone to Salem to be near him.

LOST—At fairgrounds, black and tan Alredale dog. Fresh scarred face. No collar. Name Sandy. Reward. Notify D. C. Walker, Longview, Wash.

BALL GAME SUNDAY AT 11 ON H. S. FIELD

The Gresham American Legion baseball team will meet the fast American Railway Express team at 11 a. m. Sunday on Stapleton field. The local team is going strong now having won their last six games and to date have played 13 games and lost only four for an average of 712. The reason for the early start Sunday is so the game will not interfere with the races which start at 2 p. m. on the fair grounds.

"AND THEY ARE NOT IRON CROSSES EITHER"



Baseball

Gresham American Legion vs. American Railway Express

SUNDAY, at 11

Stapleton Field

Adults 25c Machines Free