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PRIZE WINNERS OF SCHOOL FAIR HELD AT PHOENIX

The second annual Phoenix Industrial fair was held Saturday in the basement of the high school, under the auspices of the local Parent-Teachers' association.

Mr. Briscoe was the principal speaker of the day and told in his usual forceful and eloquent style of the benefits of union consolidated schools.

- Prize winners list: Corn - Eddie French, first, class A; Andrew Stevens, first, class B; Sylvester Stevens, second, class B.

- Prize winners list: Watermelon - Vivian Standcliff, first; Andrew Stevens, second; Sylvester Stevens, third; Esther Miller, first, class A.

- Prize winners list: Pie Pumpkin - Dettie Snack, first; Field Pumpkin - Sylvester Stevens, first; Green Hubbard - Sylvester Stevens, first; Andrew Stevens, second.

- Prize winners list: Cabbage - Sylvester Stevens, first; Andrew Stevens, second; Percy Henry, third.

- Prize winners list: Bird House - Osville Vandorfy, first; Clyde Peart, second; Hand-Made Apron - Florence Denzer, first, class A; Anna Carle, second, class A; Mildred Ward, first, class B; Mildred Hughes, second, class B.

HOW BOOTH GOT IT

THAT the fortune amassed by R. A. Booth is largely due to the Southern Pacific and to tainted land are interesting facts gained by reading Mr. Booth's explanation of where he got it, delivered by him at Albany last Friday and published in the Portland papers.

After the organization of the Booth-Kelly company in 1896 Mr. Booth says:

Encouraged by these early efforts we conferred with the railroad company as to rates, with a view of extending our markets, and inducing them to publish rates that permitted us to feed our products to the mines of Arizona, the various sections of California, to Utah and other Pacific coast states and eastward under a 40 cent rate to Missouri river points.

This was before the days of railroad regulation, when rebating was common practice and special favors, such as those granted Mr. Booth, were customary.

These special favors over competitors enabled a rapid expansion of the business and capitalization of Mr. Booth's company. From a simple partnership it grew to a million dollar corporation in three years.

It was that year (1899) we made our first contract of consequence, for the purchase of timber lands. The contract made with the O. & C. R. R. company covered some 17,000 acres of land in a district since known as the Wendling basin.

Thus the Southern Pacific not only created the market for Mr. Booth's company by special rates, but violated the terms whereby the grant was secured, in order to help finance Mr. Booth's project by selling him timber land on credit.

The grant was still held almost entirely by the railroad company. It followed therefore of necessity that practically half of all lands that the Booth-Kelly company purchased were purchased from the railroad company.

Another great tract of Oregon land, originally obtained by rank fraud, was also secured and peddled by Mr. Booth, who tells the story as follows:

The Oregon Land & Livestock company was organized in 1902 for the purpose of purchasing the lands then remaining unsold, that had been granted by the government in 1864 to aid in the construction of the Oregon Central military wagon road, which extended from Eugene to the east boundary of the state.

The Oregon Central military road grant was one of the worst scandals of Oregon history. Mr. Pond, who engineered the graft, who had a clean record in his home state, was defeated for governor on account of it, the exposures being made in a Lakeview paper by Seneca C. Beach, now one of Mr. Booth's supporters.

Thus tainted land as well as railroad favors helped Mr. Booth to acquire the fortune that constitutes his qualification for public office.

- Prize winners list: Bread, One Loaf - Chloe Roberts, first, class A; Rose Lehnors, second, class A; Winnie Snack, first, class B.

- Prize winners list: Cake - Mabel Hearn, first, class A; Juanita Furry, second, class A; Dorothy Carless, first, class B; Vivian Standcliff, second, class B.

- Prize winners list: Canned Fruit and Vegetables - Leta Stevens, first in project work; Rosa Lehnors, first, class A; Anna Carle, second, class A; Elva Caster, first, class B.

- Prize winners list: Best Display of Cut Flowers - Robert Wright; Best Potted Asters - Ellen Johnson, first; Esther Miller, second.

PUBLIC URGED TO VISIT FAIR TO MAKE IT SUCCESS

All good citizens are urged to attend the county fair, that the association may not be in the financial hole when the books are balanced this year.

This is Ashland day at the fair, and a good attendance from the Granite City is due, though somewhat short of the delegation this city sent to the Chautauque last summer.

The racing program for tomorrow is as follows: 2:15 trot, mile heats, each heat a race, three heats, purse \$300; five entries.

The work of judging the exhibits will begin this afternoon. Over 700 entries have been made, which will bring the work of the judges well into the first of next week.

Two running races. Buggy race for Jackson county horses, purse \$50. 2:15 trot, purse \$300—Dr. Wavo, 2:13 1/4, F. Ward, Los Angeles, Cal., owner.

There is when you smoke Gov. Johnson cigars and patronize home industries.

\$3.00 merchandise at Daniels for Duds. Eddie French, corn growing contest, thoroughbred Angora goat.

Tommy Caster, pig feeding contest, \$3.00 in merchandise by Model Clothing company.

School exhibit, dist. No. 24, 6 mo. subscription to Medford Sun. Dorothy McClain, girl poultry raising contest, \$3.50 umbrella by M. and M. store.

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SERVIAN INVASION OF BOSNIA BEGUN

NISH, Servia, via London, Sept. 10, 12:30 p. m.—An official communication issued here today declares that large numbers of Servian troops crossed the river Save, which marks the boundary between Servia and Hungary from Belgrade to the Bosnian frontier, between September 5 and September 6 and are advancing satisfactorily into the enemy's territory.

RAILROADS FILE TARIFF LISTS WITH COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Practically all the principal railroads in the east today are completing filing with the interstate commerce commission their new tariffs proposing increasing of mileage tickets. The roads some time ago gave notice of the new rates to take effect October 1. The increases approximate twelve and one-half per cent.

WHITE STAR LINER OCEANIC ASHORE

LONDON, Sept. 10, 1:05 p. m.—A notice posted today at the offices of the White Star line declares that the steamer Oceanic, the loss of which was announced by the press bureau last night, ran ashore.

This is the first definite news as to what caused the loss of the Oceanic. Last night it was said that she had been wrecked on the north coast of Scotland, but no further details were given.

CRUISER PATHFINDER DESTROYED, TORPEDO

LONDON, Sept. 10, 3:20 p. m.—It is stated that the British cruiser Pathfinder, which was destroyed in the North Sea September 6, supposedly by contact with a mine, was in reality sunk by a torpedo. This information is released by the official information bureau.

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