

RECORD CROWD FOR OPENING OF COUNTY FAIR

Barbecue a Big Success and Enjoyed by Many—Varied Exhibition of Livestock, Farm and Orchard Products—Address Feature of Afternoon—Exhibits Open Tonight.

With a barbecue beginning at 12 o'clock, noon, and continuing this afternoon as long as the crowds continued to come, the Jackson county fair was formally opened today with an unexpectedly large attendance from all parts of the county.

It is estimated that by 1 o'clock several thousand persons had passed into the big Natatorium and from there into the inclosed barbecue grounds, from where, after enjoying the food, they returned to the building to visit the many varied exhibits of live stock, farm and orchard products, school work and all the like incidental to the average county fair.

Barbecue a Success.

The barbecue was a big success and the arrangements for handling the big crowd expeditiously and to prevent crowding or confusion were admirable. The bill of fare consisted of very liberal portions of meat, baked pork and beans, bread and butter and coffee.

Two large beavers were roasted on the grounds and served to the hungry public. A corps of fifteen white-capped, long white-aproned men, including some of the city's well known business and professional men, did the carving and preparing of the food which was laid out on a huge table from which it was taken by the hungry thousands passing in single file.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon in the main auditorium addresses were delivered by Professors Thompson and Powers of the University of Oregon on farm and orchard topics, and by Miss McCormick, representative of the National Defense League, on "Food Values."

Exhibits Open at Night.

The fair building and exhibits will be open tonight and every evening until midnight. A feature every night will be the dancing to music by the jazz orchestra from Portland.

The dancing was inaugurated last evening and until a late hour hundreds of people enjoyed the dancing as participants, while hundreds of others had just as good a time looking on and listening to the jazz music.

A big feature of the fair is the auto exhibit. All the latest makes in cars and auto accessories are shown. In fact, it is the largest exhibit in the entire big show.

Thursday will be Ashland day at the fair, and thousands of persons are coming from that city and vicinity. Thursday morning the livestock will be judged and in the afternoon the prizewinners will be paraded about the grounds at 2 o'clock.

On Thursday evening a feature of the fair will be the big style show at 8 p. m. of women's wear.

Exhibition Drill.

C company will give an exhibition drill Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. There will be other features, including the animal performance for the little folks, tomorrow afternoon and evening.

And, of course, tomorrow evening and every night during the week there will be the dancing with the jazz orchestra.

This afternoon a girls' canning contest was held for the prizes of \$50 offered by the Idaho-Utah Sugar company, and Professor Victor, the handkerchief king, gave an exhibition of his skill. There was also a performance by five South American trained dogs. These features will be repeated tonight and there will be several addresses on timely topics.

REBEK TO LECTURE ON RATIONAL EUROPE

Dr. George Rebec's lecture in "A Rational Map of Europe After the War," which will be given at the Rialto theater in connection with the hospital benefit entertainment next week, is one which has been delivered to large audiences in Portland and elsewhere, and will scarcely need any recommendation to a Medford audience. Dr. Rebec's presentation of his views, always masterly and logical, will be especially enjoyed on the coming occasion. In view of the world-wide importance of his subject, his lucid and clear-cut style of speaking, fired with the interest which he always brings to any such occasion, will provide an hour of rare enjoyment and information to all who attend the evening's entertainment.

LOCAL ELKS TO PLEDGE FOOD CONSERVATION

The members of the Medford lodge of Elks will take part on the national food conservation campaign which has been launched by the grand lodge of the order. Every member of the Medford lodge is common with all other Elks of the country is expected to sign the food conservation pledge which is being sent out by the head of the order to every lodge in the United States.

Exalted Ruler Newbury of the local lodge has deferred for a week now appointing a special committee to circulate the pledge for signatures. It is understood that he has been holding back from inaugurating so radical a step on account of Chris Gottlieb's feelings, as Chris is a man who eats when he wants to eat, and eats what he wants to eat, and what may. But as a patriot Chris would sign the pledge, and having signed would keep it.

And loth to cause him unnecessary suffering, the local exalted ruler has been holding back a while, but will probably appoint the committee next Thursday night. The pledge as proposed by the grand lodge of Elks is as follows:

- A. That one meal each day shall be served without wheat food.
- B. That one meal each day shall be served without meats.
- C. That no butter shall be used for cooking purposes when a satisfactory substitute is available.
- D. That bread shall be sliced during each meal only as required for immediate consumption.
- E. That at three meals each week at least one dish shall be served prepared from food unconsumed at previous meals.

The committee may also request the local hotels and restaurants to observe the same rules in so far as possible.

LONG STANDING GROCERY BILLS ARE CONDEMNED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Long standing grocery accounts are to be attacked by the food administration. "The waste and loss from this credit evil can hardly be over-estimated," said an administration statement tonight, announcing that 49,000 traveling salesmen for wholesale grocers and food jobbers who are enlisted in a campaign for economy of food and energy in the grocery business. The salesmen will seek to persuade retailers to shorten their credits and wholesalers will follow the same policy for retail dealers.



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BULL HEAD FEAST AT EARLY MORN OPENS COUNTY FAIR

A delightful side issue feature of the county fair opening today was the roasted bull head feast on the Natatorium grounds at 7 a. m., at which about forty guests, including fair officials and exhibitors and a number of the leading business and professional men were the diners. All walks of life were represented, and some of the alleys.

In addition to the two big beef bull heads that were roasted in pits for the diners, among the invited guests were a number of the city's best known bull heads. A number of other men who were not invited, thinking the occasion was a feast for boneheads, joined in merrily.

There was lots of pep at the breakfast; also copious quantities of salt, ashes, flies and dirt. There were no knives or forks and the guests used their pocket knives and combs in lieu thereof. The menu also included coffee, rolls and butter.

On account of Roger Bennett having absent-mindedly tossed a cigar stub into the wash boiler full of hot coffee, and an old overshoe or two having fallen into the boiler accidentally, these added ingredients did not mix well with the chieky, flies and unripe fruit already in, and a new boiler full of coffee had to be brewed. Otherwise the feast was a dainty affair, as the cooks only handled the meats with some of the best pitchforks that could be borrowed from a nearby livery stable.

After the men had eaten one bull head and departed, another roasted bull head was taken from another pit and served to a party of ladies.

GARDNER REFUSES AID TO PACIFISTS OPPOSING WAR

County Clerk Gardner, along with all other county clerks, has received a circular letter from Senators Gore and La Follette, asking co-operation in organizing opposition to the war revenue bill by the forwarding of a list of names of prominent taxpayers who will work with the senators in opposing the war program, to which he has sent the following reply:

"September 15, 1917.
Hon. Thomas P. Gore and Hon. Robert M. La Follette, senate chambers, Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sirs: Yours of September 1st, 1917, relative to the war tax bill, to hand and note your request. "Beg to advise that so far as I know, people here are very much dissatisfied with the delay the minority members have been able to exert on this bill, as well as others of equal importance, and would in no way add to the delay by assisting you.

"People here are more interested in a speedy termination of the war by hitting hard and fast than the small additional cost of molasses, etc., as set out in your letter.

"This county, with an estimated population of 14,807, as shown by the census estimate for 1917, has already furnished about 400 volunteers for all purposes, and if every county in the United States had been as ready to respond at all times, millions of dollars could have been saved for the country that have been used for conscription, and amounts necessarily expended in opposing the influence of would-be pacificators.

"We are doing our share here and are ready to do our bit at any time, but sincerely want to see the house and senate get busy and back the

SWEDISH TROUBLE OVER TELEGRAMS NOT ADJUSTED

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 19.—It is generally believed here that the troubles of the Swedish government in connection with the German telegrams forwarded from Buenos Aires over the Swedish legation are by no means over. The question of the hour is whether the United States will rest satisfied with the tone of the Swedish communication issued last Saturday.

It would surprise no one here if Secretary Lansing of the Washington state department were to call for a clear and unequivocal statement to the effect that the forwarding of American communications in a language open to the Swedish authorities and with the knowledge and consent of the governments concerned was in no wise comparable to the services rendered to Germany by Sweden.

The entente ministers and Ira Nelson Morris, the American minister to Sweden, held one of their customary conferences on Monday afternoon, when it is understood the situation created by the sending of German telegrams from Buenos Aires to Mexico City was considered.

president in his program and believe peace will come sooner by the concrete efforts of the people than by a continued small minority opposition to every important and necessary preparation to meet the unusual exigency of the present and immediate future.

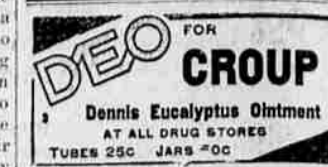
"Thanking you for your consideration in this matter, I am, yours very truly,
"G. A. GARDNER,
County clerk, Jackson county, Oregon."

FORTS DISMANTLED BY ORDERS OF SOUKHOMLINOFF

PETROGRAD, Sept. 19.—Witnesses in the trial of General Soukhomlinoff, the former Russian minister of war, who is facing a charge of high treason, having concluded their evidence, the general today was invited to give any explanations he might wish to make. Speaking in a weak, tired voice, he endeavored to prove the necessity of dismantling Russian forts, for which he had given orders. He declared that owing to the conditions of modern warfare the fortresses long had lost all their strategic importance and would only

have been traps for the retreating troops.
"At the time of the Russo-Turkish campaign," he said, "I gained the conviction that provisional defensive works constructed while hostilities were in progress were of far greater practical utility."
General Soukhomlinoff concluded by saying he never concerned himself with politics, but worked exclusively for the welfare of the fatherland.

Miss Virginia Smith of San Jose, Calif., and Roy Schnauer of Camp Sanfornan Park, Calif., with several others are visitors in the city today and visited at the Commercial club building.



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County Fair Visitors Are Cordially Invited To Make This Store Their Headquarters

SPECIAL SHOWINGS AND SPECIAL VALUES IN EVERY DEPARTMENT FOR THIS WEEK ONLY

Fair Week Specials in Suit Dept.
Women's New Autumn Suits, some very exclusive styles, made of all-wool materials, very special, each..... **\$20.00**
25 Women's Winter Coats, full length, made of splendid materials, very special this week, each..... **\$15.00**
10 Women's "Salts" Plush Coats, full length, nicely lined, these coats are worth a great deal more today, this week, ea. **\$25.00**

Fair Week Specials in Dress Goods
25 pieces of strictly All-Wool Serge, in a good range of colors, worth more at today's prices, very special, yd..... **75c**
42-inch All-Wool Poplin, in this autumn's newest shades, a splendid wearing cloth, special..... **\$1.75**
36-inch Fancy Silks, in beautiful plaids and stripes, just the thing for waists and skirts, \$2.25 values, yard..... **\$1.69**
New Satin Finish Silks at, yard..... **\$2.25**
New Plaid Silks, new patterns, yard..... **\$2.25**

FAIR WEEK SPECIALS IN HOSIERY and GLOVES
Women's fine grade Cotton Hose, in white and black, all sizes, very special this week, pair..... **25c**
Women's Silk Boot Hose, in all colors, very special, per pair..... **75c**
Women's Fine Lisle Hose, lavender top, very special this week, pair..... **69c**
Women's fine Cape Gloves, all sizes, tan only, worth \$2, very special, pair..... **\$1.48**
White Washable Doe Skin Gloves, special, pair..... **\$2**
Women's Washable Kid Gloves, in white and champagne, very special, pair..... **\$2.00**
Outing Flannel In dark and light colors, cheap at 20c, a yard..... **15c** this sale,
Blankets Heavy Cotton Blankets, in tan, gray and white, special, pair..... **\$1.50**
Comforters Extra heavy, large size, dark colors, special, each..... **\$1.98**
Pillows Full size Feather Pillows, covered with good ticking, each..... **69c**
Corsets Discontinued lines of Warner's Corsets, values, pair..... **\$1.48** up to \$2.50
Cotton Batts Large size, enough for comforters, w'th \$1.50, very special, each..... **\$1.25**

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