

Jackson County Fair Report Shows Fine Record in 1923

The directors of the Jackson county fair met Wednesday evening and received detailed reports for the last fair, auto races and pageant showing net receipts of \$3,489.37 for the year 1923, which has been applied on permanent improvements, which amounted to \$11,140.39 in 1923.

The different attraction receipts for the year were: June race meet \$6,822.30; pageant Jan. 28, 29, the fair \$22,916.94, Armistice Day races \$1,473.95.

The net profits were: June race meet \$1,002.54, pageant \$140.84, fair \$1,809.00, Armistice day races \$545.99. The directors were much pleased with the year's work and they have just cause to be proud of their record. There is no other fair association in the state that has made a better showing in the buildings and tracks constructed the past two years, in entertainment furnished and for a well conducted clean fair.

Arrangements have already commenced for the 1924 fair, the dates being set either for the second or third week in September, to be governed by the dates for the California State fair and the Oregon State fair, so that the Jackson County fair can secure the race horses from both states.

It was decided to send a representative to the meeting of the North Pacific Fair association, of which the local organization is a member, at Seattle, January 28th and 29th, to arrange for date, horses, attractions, etc.

The premium list will be carefully revised and issued early in July this year. It was decided to increase the harness races to \$400 each, instead of \$350 as last year, to meet the races in the circuit to secure the best horses. It was also agreed to put on another pageant this year, date to be selected later, either in June or July. Ed and George Andrews will put on "Robin Hood" and will commence at once on the same.

Financial Statement
Statement of the finances of the 1923 fair as made to the directors by the secretary, also a detailed statement of the cost of the buildings and grounds showing the same to have cost \$73,197.03 to the county:

Receipts 1923 Jackson County Fair
Admissions to grounds, inside of race track, grand stand for races and grand stand for horse show \$13,681.00
Season ticket sale 657.00
Sale of space for commercial displays 1,060.00
Selling concessions 2,049.60
State of Oregon for premiums 4,400.91
Automobile show 365.00
Agricultural implements 50.00
Sheep pasture and sale of wood 31.50
Rent of aviation field 20.00
Sale of hay and rent of alfalfa field 100.00

Donations 1.33
Entry fees for harness races 500.50

Total receipts \$22,916.94

Expenditures

Publicity \$ 969.73

Premiums—

Community displays 337.25

Horses 171.00

Cattle 865.00

Sheep 861.00

Hogs 385.00

Pears 384.00

Apples 155.00

Other horticultural products 99.75

Agricultural products 55.50

Women's department 442.25

Boys' and Girls' department 490.30

Poultry 162.00

Rabbits 104.00

Pets 9.40

Honey 36.00

Premium ribbons 84.18

Entry department 174.75

Judges for premiums 153.85

Agricultural and horticultural exhibit expense 383.58

Women's exhibit expense 47.78

Livestock exhibit expense 126.30

Poultry and rabbit exhibit expense 283.58

Merchants' pavilion expense 251.07

Automobile show expense 182.88

Forestry exhibit expense 30.70

Mineral exhibit expense 56.50

Purse—Harness races 2,297.50

Purse—running races 445.00

Harness and running race expense 292.40

Purse—Automobile races 1,800.00

Automobile race expense 36.86

Purse—Motorcycle races 545.00

Speedway and half mile track expense 91.60

Public liability insurance 200.00

Horse show 1,487.85

Aviation exhibition 600.00

Bands 691.30

Bathing beauty contest 75.00

Printing of tickets 150.68

Ticket sellers and gatemen 497.00

Traffic officers and watchmen 586.49

Premiums on bond, theft and fire insurance policies 336.38

Interest 347.32

Stationery 68.00

Administrative expense 1,103.00

Automobile expense 100.00

Care of trees and flowers 229.48

Care of buildings and grounds 189.92

Cleaning up of grounds after fair 321.37

Miscellaneous 146.14

Temporary and general construction 44.44

Refund on commercial display 25.00

Refund on selling concessions 10.00

Refund on entry fee for harness race 3.50

Total expenditures \$21,116.94

Jackson County Fair—Plant Cost

Entrance building, 1922	\$2,662.47	
Entrance building, 1923	26.91	\$2,689.38
Horticultural building, 1922	\$6,730.00	
Horticultural building, 1923	7.45	6,737.45
Women's building, 1922	\$4,635.19	
Women's building, 1923	15.45	4,650.64
Livestock building, 1922	\$3,885.76	
Livestock building, 1923	265.73	4,151.49
Grand Stand, 1922	\$4,066.00	
Grand Stand, 1923	\$4,634.24	8,700.84
Speedway, 1922	\$7,040.92	
Speedway, 1923	98.00	7,138.92
Grading Grounds, 1922		2,226.73
Water System, 1922	\$2,035.51	
Water System, 1923	10.18	2,045.69
Sewer System, 1922	\$1,050.76	
Sewer System, 1923	64.00	1,114.76
Tent Equipment, 1922		261.18
Industrial Tent Equipment, 1922		571.42
Race Horse Barns, 1922	\$872.03	
Race Horse Barns, 1923	1,011.56	1,883.59
Judges' Stand, 1922		138.54
Tables and Benches, 1922	\$134.71	
Tables and Benches, 1923	79.81	214.52
School Premiums, 1922		30.70
Fences, 1922	\$1,945.17	
Fences, 1923	539.84	2,485.01
Drinking Fountains, 1922		91.25
Canvas and Tents, 1922		677.25
Folding Chairs, 1923		1,001.80
Half-Mile Track, 1923		2,342.98
Hog and Sheep Shed, 1923		1,022.89
Trees		20.00
Total		\$50,197.03
City's Portion	\$8,000.00	
County's Portion	15,000.00	\$23,000.00
Total Plant Cost		\$73,197.03

TOTAL TAXES IN JACKSON COUNTY LOWER THAN 1922

Taxes will be lower in Jackson county this year than last, not counting irrigation liens and taxes, that vary according to city and school district levies.

The county tax is three mills less. This comes from a decrease of three and one-tenths mills in state tax, while the total for county purposes is one-tenth of a mill higher than last year. This is the result of increase in the general fund of nine-tenths of a mill, the reduction of five mills in interest and maintenance for roads,

and the elimination of the three mills armory tax.

In Medford taxes will be one and six-tenths mills lower in 1923. The levy for school district No. 49, Medford and vicinity, is four-tenths of a mill lower and the city levy for general purposes is two-tenths of a mill lower. Added to this is a two mill levy, made at the request of the water commission for necessary repairs, making the total city levy 1.4 mills higher for all purposes than in 1922. This taken from the state and county tax leaves Medford's 1923 tax 1.6 mills lower.

The levies are as follows:

	1922.	1923.
County fund	4.7	4.7
General road	1.5	2.4
Int. and maintenance roads	5.7	5.2
School fund	2.5	2.5
Library	2	2
Armory	3	0
Total county tax	14.9	15.0
State tax	10.3	7.2

Total county and state 25.2 22.2
School Dist. 49 (Medford) 20.9 20.5
City proper (Medford) 14.9 14.7
Water Bd. levy (Medford) 0.0 2.0

Decrease in Amounts
State tax 3.1 mills
School tax 4 mills
City tax 2 mills

Increase in Amounts
County tax 1 mill
Water board 2 mills

The total taxes levied in 1922 were \$1,281,000, about ninety per cent, as near as can be estimated has been paid.

These figures were furnished by J. W. Shirley, in charge of the tax department of the sheriff's office.

County Assessor J. B. Coleman gives the valuations as follows:

1922—Total valuation	county \$27,925,340.84
1923—Total valuation	county 28,734,878.34

Increase in 1923 \$ 809,537.50
Mr. Coleman says the total taxes this year will probably be about the same as last year.

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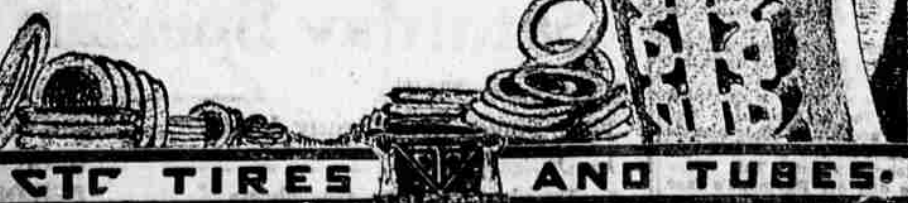
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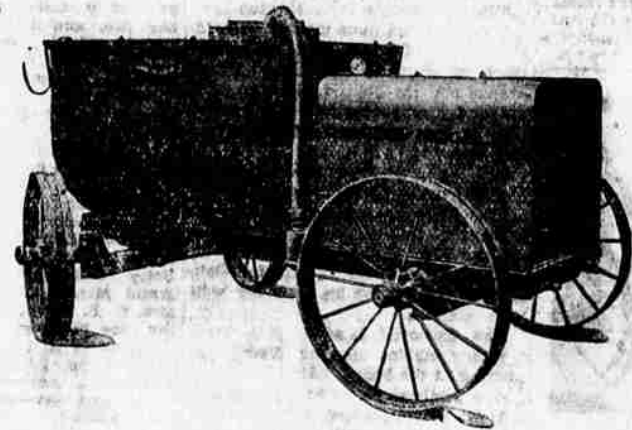
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