

Box Car Lack Still Critical

Portland - (UP) - The Governor's Emergency Transportation Committee said Thursday the railroad box car situation in Oregon was still critical and that the immediate future outlook was not good.

R. J. Hogue of Medford, committee chairman, said shippers on Southern Pacific lines in Southern Oregon received only 60 to 70 per cent of normal requirements this week.

He said the situation this week in the northern half of the state was "a little better."

Hogue said he was in close contact with the SP car distribution office in San Francisco but that connecting railroads advised him that sufficient empty cars have not been available.

Paul Miller, manager of the closed car section of the American Association of Railroads in Washington, D.C., reported that the national supply of available box cars was "tight," Hogue said.

The chairman said heavy grain movement in the northern United States has aggravated the car supply situation. He said continued shortage could be expected over the next few weeks.

State Fair Receipts Down

Salem - (UP) - Receipts from the eight-day Oregon State Fair were down \$168,903 this year on five major events, Fair Manager Howard Maple reported Thursday.

But Maple said expenses also were down and that the 1959 fair would probably be "pretty close to being in the black."

In 1958 the fair went slightly more than \$53,000 into the red.

Figures counted were on race attendance, pari-mutuel betting, the night revue, horse show-rodéo and general gate attendance.

Tentative figures also show that the midway grossed \$89,283 this year compared with \$107,103 for the 10-day 1958 fair.

Total take from the five main divisions was \$1,073,748 this year compared with \$1,242,621 for the longer '58 affair.

The Fair Commission changed its mind about awarding the carnival contract next year to West Coast shows - the same organization that supplied entertainment this year. The contract will now go to the lowest bidder.

Tokyo - (UP) - Radio Peiping has announced the firing of Communist Chinese Defense Minister Marshal Peng Teh-huai, the man who led the Red Chinese "volunteers" across the Yalu River into Korea against Gen. Douglas MacArthur nine years ago.

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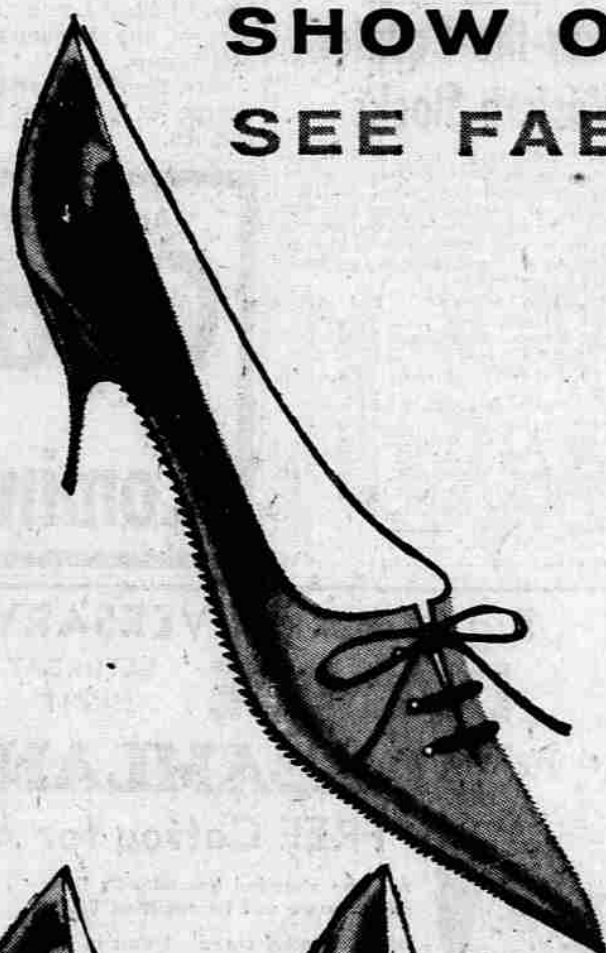
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