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AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 15, 1922

Resources:

Loans and Discounts	\$500,172.95
United States Bonds and Other Securities	336,420.71
Bank Building and Fixtures	49,731.84
Other Real Estate	8,500.00
Cash and Exchange	104,519.81
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	\$999,344.71

Liabilities:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Earned Surplus and Profits	24,860.75
National Currency	96,000.00
Deposits	778,483.96
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CROWD LIGHT MONDAY NIGHT

BUT FEW HEAR EXPOSITION DEBATE

J. E. Gratke and C. C. Chapman Discuss Portland Fair Measure at Pine Grove Grange Hall

While a debate Monday night of last week between Senator W. T. Vinton, of McMinnville, representing Governor Olcott, and Walter M. Pierce, Democratic senatorial nominee, filled the Pine Grove Grange hall, a debate last Monday night on the 1922 Portland Fair bill, with John E. Gratke upholding the measure and C. C. Chapman opposing it, drew less than a houseful. The lack of attendance may be accredited, it is said to the beginning of apple harvest and a waning local interest in the proposed exposition.

Mr. Gratke, who has been connected with the organization in charge of the fair campaign since its beginning, developed the need for Oregon to advertise her latent resources. He cited that the proponents of the fair originally conceived the idea of exploiting the state's hydro-electric energy, and later they developed plans for celebrating the era of motor transportation and the completion of a magnificent highway system in the state. He briefly outlined the history of the fair organization and how a number of public spirited Portland citizens had brought about a statewide organization, with citizens who had been on county Liberty Loan campaigns appointed by the governor to serve on the committee.

"It was the idea of these citizens," declared Mr. Gratke, "to develop a great symphony orchestra."

Mr. Gratke cited the plans for financing the fair through taxation made possible by the action of a special session of the legislature. He recalled the turn of the tide there, resulting he declared by the broadcasting of innuendoes.

Mr. Gratke declared that Portland merely wanted the privilege of voting the \$3,000,000 special tax, not possible unless through constitutional amendment voted for by the entire Oregon electorate. The fair will be made such in the end, he said, that the rest of the state cannot afford not to join in.

Critics, Mr. Gratke said, had recently taken a letter of Julius L. Meier, who headed the exposition organization, as a bombshell against the exposition. This letter, he declared, merely showed that Mr. Meier had found conditions in Europe at such low ebb that he considered that the fair could not be carried out on the immense scale originally outlined. The affirmative speaker, however, declared that unlimited support would be drawn from the Orient and South America.

Mr. Chapman admitted that the exposition idea was a beautiful one and that it had grown like a snowball rolled down a hill side. He, however, declared that it was not so appealing on closer analysis. Mr. Chapman pointed out that the Lewis and Clark Portland to be so busy that they had allowed Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane, Wash., to grow faster than she herself had grown. Los Angeles, he said, is the fastest growing city on the Pacific Coast, and here, he cited, citizens have carefully guarded against the exposition idea. Mr. Chapman admitted the need to advertise, but he urged that the state be further developed before so huge a sum be spent on advertising.

Mr. Chapman further declared that all former expositions had been largely financed by public subscription, but he charged that in this instance the Portland fair promoters have been unwilling to invest any of their own funds, preferring to provide a job party at the expense of taxpayers. He placed a different interpretation on the letter of Mr. Meier from that given by Mr. Gratke, declaring that Mr. Meier saw the need for some other kind of advertising for the state.

Mr. Chapman charged that the Portland fair will not increase the price of a box of apples one cent. He declared that it will result in increased taxation, and that it will thus automatically make Oregon home buying by incoming tourists less attractive. He claimed that Portland is divided on the fair and that a substantial element of the business people are sick and tired of the fair.

"The thing for us to do now," said Mr. Chapman, "is to attend to business and forget about a lot of joy parties."

Mr. Chapman declared that the fair proponents had dodged the query as to their participation in the state would be called on for until finally the Oregonians had "let the cat out of the bag," when it had stated that Oregon would naturally have to join in plans before any participation by other states could be called for.

"It will cost us at least \$1,000,000 additional taxes," said Mr. Chapman, "and this perhaps can be voted by the legislature without exceeding the legal limitation. But why not have our taxes decreased by \$1,000,000?"

Mr. Chapman predicted that the large element of non-taxpaying voters in Portland will give the constitutional amendment a majority there, but he completed his main speech by an appeal to rural Oregon to help the tax burdened citizens of the metropolises in freeing themselves of this additional burden.

Following the main addresses the members of the work committee of the grange served ice cream cones during a 10-minute intermission.

In his rebuttal Mr. Gratke denied that the fair proponents were launching a circus or show, but that their ideas comprehended a gigantic, cold blooded business proposition for the whole state. He reiterated the claim of Mr. Chapman that there, at Mr. Chapman's appeal for votes against all measures that call for taxation would lead the people back to an era of retrogression, wherein they would abandon their conveniences of the age and their magnificent system of highways.

Mr. Gratke developed the need of

AUTHORITY IS GIVEN BOARD

CREAMERY DIRECTORATE TO BUILD

Stockholders in Meeting Last Saturday Take Action Which Will Provide For New Home

The stockholders of the Hood River Creamery Saturday afternoon authorized the directorate to proceed with the financing of a new home. Members of the latter body will work out definite details of their campaign for a new building immediately. The creamery, which is now manufacturing in a month's time almost as much butter as was turned out the first year nine years ago, has already purchased a lot at the corner of Sixth and Columbia streets.

It is proposed to equip the new building with the most modern apparatus. Indeed, the creamery has already installed in its present quarters, far too small for the quantity of cream being received, a 1000-pound capacity churn and a large refrigerating machine. The new building, too, according to plans, will be of the most modern type and appealing from a standpoint of architecture.

The directorate has decided to finance construction of a new home for the plant by issue of bonds, which will bear seven per cent interest and which will mature in 5, 10 and 15 years. The new creamery, it is said, will cost about \$20,000. Directors of the organization, who declare that benefits will accrue by orchardists buying additional cows for their present herds, are eagerly backing the project with substantial subscriptions to the bond issue.

The creamery has already proven its worth to the business men of the city, and merchants are expected to aid materially in financing the new cooperative project.

ODD FELLOW CONVENTION MONDAY

An attendance in excess of 500 is expected at the annual district convention of Odd Fellows of Hood River, Wasco, Sherman and Morrow counties next Monday night. Features of the program include: Parades, headed by the Hood River Knights of Pythias band; selections by the band at the lodge hall; reading, P. L. Manser; short entertainment, Beacon Lodge, of Mosier; address, S. F. Bowman, Grand Master, I. O. O. F. Lodge, of Oregon; short entertainment, Kemp Lodge, of Odell; first degree work, exemplified by Columbia Lodge, of The Dalles; reports by members of each lodge present. Refreshments will be served by a committee of the local lodge.

The event is expected to be a red letter day in local Odd Fellow circles, and a keen interest is being taken by all lodges of the county. All Odd Fellows of the mid-Columbia are urged to attend the sessions. The approach of the convention has, it is said, stimulated interest in lodge work here.

Last Thursday evening, Idawell Lodge conferred the initiatory degree of Odd Fellowship on three candidates. After the degree work lunch was served by the committee.

Second degree will be conferred next Thursday.

FOOTBALL SEASON TO BEGIN SATURDAY

The Hood River high school will initiate the season's football schedule Saturday afternoon in a game with the Lincoln high school, of Portland. Although the local school lost a number of good players, who are expected to make their mark in collegiate athletics this fall, the remaining aggregation is proving strong in practice, and fans are expecting championship work from them in the Mid-Columbia Interscholastic League.

Players who are showing good form now are: Pat Slavens, captain, and John Carson, who play full back positions; Harry Stuart, Ross Cooper and S. Corwin, half backs; Cliff Greene, Dick Ford and Jack Cram, quarter back; Glenn Greene, Ben Epping, Bud Mills, Ray Boardman, ends; Jesse Hathorne, Bill Roberts, Russ Scoobee, Russ Wilbur, tackles; Joe Isel, Bob Wilbur and George Frey, guards, and Floyd Dixon, Reese Hathorne, Leonard Thomson and Fred Page, centers.

The local school will play its first mid-Columbia League game here with Stevenson October 29. October 27 the school will go to Goldendale for a game. Other games scheduled with mid-Columbia teams are: November 3, Dufur at Dufur; November 11, The Dalles here, and November 17, Centerville at Centerville.

It is anticipated that several other games will be arranged with Portland high schools.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO MEET MONDAY

President Olmsted announces that the Commercial Club will hold its initial meeting of the season next Monday night when Field Manager Duryea, of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce will be here for an address. The club will announce its tentative plans for activities of the coming winter.

Mr. Olmsted says that definite plans for financing the club's activities will be taken up.

LEON STONER WIRES OF OIL GUSHER

H. C. Deitz Tuesday received a telegram from his son-in-law, Leon Stoner, of Long Beach, Calif., who announced that an oil well on his suburban home in the noted Signal Hill district had come in with 2,500 barrels per day. Mr. Stoner, a painter, and his wife purchased their suburban tract about two years ago. Their bungalow home was removed to make way for the oil well, which will make their fortune.

HELP FOR THE AD MAN

Our Ad man was out of copy and wondered what he would find to say next, when he opened his morning mail and found a friend had sent him half a dozen suggestions from which we have selected the following for this week.

Out of every 1000 people in Switzerland, 554 are Savings Depositors. There are in Denmark 442, in Belgium 387, in France 346, in England 302 and in Italy 200 out of every 1000, and yet in the United States we have but 99 Savings Depositors out of every 1000 inhabitants. Almost 500 per cent more in Switzerland.

Some one may be thinking as he reads this, that even so, he would rather live in this country than in any of those who have gone farther than we have in saving; but what we are thinking is that the 99 who are saving in this country have a decided advantage over the 901 who are not, and as the proportion of savers increases this country will be correspondingly a better country to live in.

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