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- 1. To advocate, aid and support any measures that will bring the most good to the most people
2. To encourage industries to establish in Tillamook county.
3. To urge the improvement of a port for Tillamook City.
4. To insist on an American standard of labor.
5. To be politically independent, but to support the candidates for public office who will bring the most good to the people of Tillamook county and of the State of Oregon.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1924

The Elks convention presents itself at a myriad of varying angles. Every stratum of humanity looked upon it from different viewpoints. Comments were generally cast about promiscuously. Opinions differ and all of them seem to come sincerely from the differently shaped minds. Business men were heard to remark at the amount of money that was taken from the city. A county official was heard to remark that the whole thing was deplorable and the public appearance of some of the participants was outside of the bounds of propriety. The peace officers both county and city, handled the situation admirably. There were fewer arrests in the county department on liquor charges than there had been for some weeks. Chief L. V. Jenkins of the Portland police department complemented Chief White of Tillamook on the whole affair and stated his doubts of being able to handle next year's convention in Portland as well as this one was handled. In fact he made known his surprise at the manner in which the police department kept peace.

Elks themselves are still voicing their impressions left by the wonderful work done at the association meetings. Work of inestimable value has been started. Men on local committees spent many hours and sacrificed their own welfare to help make the convention a success. Surely their efforts were not in vain. The fact that a good many people apparently defied the laws of the county in openly violating the Volsted act leads the average dry advocate to jump at the conclusion that the principle effort of the conventionaire was to imbibe as much liquor as he could hold. There were several who certainly showed the effects of moonshine guzzling, but as of yore there are still lots of people who are not able to play and enjoy themselves without a skinful of alcoholics. They may be built that way or may have grown that way. Be that as it may, whether they were prominent business men or they were prominent business men or husky loggers of this town or some other, their example, although conspicuous, is not the example that the Elks lodge or any other fraternal order wishes to be set before the people, especially the young. If this were the chief element in the fun-making of any order that order would not live and prosper with the long list of prominent names on its roll. A ma-

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majority of those at the convention played without the liquor. The few that jeopardized the good name of the order are merely men like a whole lot of us that think we need some artificial means of stimulant to make anything look enjoyable.

Anyone who had seen state conventions in other towns would surely not brand the recent convention in Tillamook as an extremely wild one, for compared with others that are held for various organizations this one ranks with the quiet, orderly, business like convention with little play. The fact that a few had to play unlawfully made it look as though any one who played was over-stepping the bounds of national lawfulness. Doubtless there was many a boisterous act perpetrated by perfectly sober persons, that branded them as villains because they were not twirling their thumbs.

A lot of real work was accomplished by serious minded, sober men, but those spectators who were looking for the darker side were probably happier at having found it.

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The following comes from the Pacific International Live Stock Exposition company, Portland:

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But that didn't stop it or daunt it. A new building is going up. This new building is to follow in general the plan of the old one, but it is going up bigger and better than ever.

The arena is to be larger than the old one and in better proportions. The Seating capacity will be increased to 7000, and the arrangement of boxes and seats will be improved. The horse department will be larger and better equipped. The boys' and girls' clubs are to have a department all their own. The poultry show will be larger than the old one. Other minor but important improvements have been made in the plans.

The type for the premium list is going up now, and by September 1 or thereabouts it will be in the mails. It will show some changes but more premium money than ever will be placed temptingly before the exhibitors.

The ashes were not cold before General Manager O. M. Plummer was talking with President E. A. Stuart over the long distance telephone, making arrangements for the new structure. A day had not passed before a man was figuring on the lumber for the new building. Before the week was gone work was begun on salvaging and clearing the ground. Today the financial arrangements are completed for the start and the new great building, "bigger and better than ever," is "going up." Construction has started.

The contractors have agreed to turn it over, complete by October 25. On November 1, at 9 o'clock A. M., the big new doors will swing open to the public.

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Last year the Exposition had over 4000 entries of livestock. It offered over \$90,000 in premium money. It had an attendance of 125,000 people. This year it expects to increase its entries, its premiums and its attendance. A bigger and better plant will be ready for the opening day. More and better livestock of every kind will be there. Better accommodations for the guests have been arranged and more people will visit this fourteenth annual event.

NO NAMES MENTIONED IN THIS ONE

Some time ago one of the young men of Tillamook was arrested on a charge of drunkenness in a public place. No intoxicants were found in his possession. He was fined \$100 and sentenced to serve 30 days in jail. During the convention one of the local police arrested a man for drunkenness and possession. The administrator of justice, a fraternal brother of the prisoner, levied a fine of \$5 and dismissed the culprit. The best fraternal benefits we can derive are from a fraternal spirit within our own city, convention or no convention. If the local boy's misdemeanor called for a \$100 fine and a jail sentence then the misdemeanor of the other which was a more serious offense should certainly not be a paltry \$5. Why not let him go as not finding sufficient evidence to convict?

FIRE PREVENTION CONTEST

An opportunity will be given to the people of Tillamook county to participate in a nation-wide Fire Prevention slogan contest. Prizes of \$2,000 will be divided among 100 winners. The contest is open to every one, except to agents or others directly or indirectly connected with the Glens Falls Insurance company, which is offering the prizes. The purpose of the contest is to aid the National Fire protection association in its fire prevention educational work throughout the country. All the slogans submitted will be turned over to the association at the close of the contest, and all contestants, whether prize winners or not, will have the satisfaction of knowing that they have helped in some degree in the battle to cut down the appalling loss of life and property from fire.

The contest here will be under the sponsorship of the local Glens Falls agents to whom all local contestants should send their contributions.

"Every one should enlist in the fight against fire," say the local agents, Messrs. Gilham and White, in announcing the contest. "Over 15,000 lives are lost and more than \$500,000,000 worth of property is destroyed by fire every year in the United States. One of the great needs of the national fire protection associ-

ation in connection with its educational work, is effective and thought-provoking slogans. The contest is open to everybody and every one is urged to participate. We would like to see every school child and every parent in the community join in the contest. Full information as to the rules governing the contest will be supplied to any one on request."

INSURANCE OFFICIAL HERE

H. R. Blauvelt, an officer of the Oregon Life Insurance company is at the Tillamook hotel. He drove here via Seaside and Nehalem, and was the guest of Governor Pierce and State Treasurer Jefferson Myers at the dedication of the new Nehalem bridge last Sunday.

Mr. Blauvelt is making an official trip through Tillamook county to renew old acquaintances and confer with many policyholders of his company. "I would like to talk to every policyholder of ours in Tillamook county if it were possible, and I shall be glad to see anyone at the Tillamook hotel," he said.

Mr. Blauvelt is also vice president of the Pacific States fire insurance company and the Oregon underwriters.

TAX EXEMPT OFFERINGS INCREASE

The output of tax free securities during the first half of 1924 exceeds all previous records, being near \$750,000,000. This is substantially three times the output for the entire year 1918, when only \$262,818,844 were issued. The urgent demand of wealth for an avenue of escape from taxation has created a ready market for these securities, encouraging taxing authorities to plunge communities recklessly into debt. The Bond Buyer of June 28, reviewing the situation, says:

"Just about one hundred important offerings of State, municipal and Federal Land Bank bonds which have been offered in the New York market since January 1st aggregate slightly more than \$500,000,000, or an average of \$5,000,000 per issue. Total of all state and municipal financing for six months ending June 30th is estimated at not less than \$660,000,000. If to men, yes, and children, who have a this we add \$95,000,000 Federal Land Bank and numerous joint Stock Land Bank issues, the aggregate of tax-exempt securities flotations for the six months will come very close to three-quarters of a billion."

With the income from this vast wealth escaping taxation, the load on taxable property is just that much heavier.

INSPECTED PRODUCTS FAVORED ABROAD

Foreign markets are tending to favor American products that have been officially inspected at shipping points, according to advices received by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Sales of American apples in Liverpool are made by samples, and buyers declare they have found that the Federal-State inspected apples can be relied upon to be of uniform quality and condition, and that the samples

can be depended upon to be indicative of the quality and condition of the entire shipments.

Liverpool buyers state that in many instances the quality of fruit in noninspected shipments has a wide range, and that purchasers by samples of such shipments are always subject to discount on account of the element of uncertainty.

TEACH CHILDREN FIRE PREVENTION

Almost every day we read in the news reports of children burned to death in dwelling house fires. Not only one child but three, four and five are burned at a time in a single house. It seems almost impossible that such accidents can occur, but the sad fact remains that they do, and in most cases they would have been preventable through just ordinary carefulness.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters in conjunction with the national Board of Education has pre-

pared a booklet entitled Safeguarding the Home against Fire. This is a fire prevention manual for the school children of America. Eight hundred and thirty thousand copies of this textbook have thus far been printed and distributed. In picture and text it places before a growing child the dangers that surround on every side as a result of carelessness with fire. This book should be in the hands of every school child in America, and should form the basis of a regular school course from the third to the eighth grades at least in public schools.

The mere fact that the annual per capita fire loss in the United States for every man, woman and child is \$2.10 compared with 49c in France, 33c in England, 28c in Germany, 25c in Italy and Austria, 15c in Switzerland and 11c in Holland is sufficient evidence that the teaching of fire prevention should start with the child and become a recognized course of study in this nation.

FEATURES

DEER SEASON OPENED YESTERDAY

After a deliberation of several days the state game commission recommended that the governor lift the lid on deer hunting. The season had been left closed by proclamation of the governor at the request of sportsmen's clubs of the state on account of the danger to forests and other property in allowing the woods thrown open to hunters during the extremely dry season just past. But since the recent rains have been general over the state, this danger has been considerably alleviated and the season has been declared open beginning Thursday, August 21.

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