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STATE BOARD MEETS

President Wehrung Sits With Board for the Last Time

W. H. Downing and Frank Lee Assume Their Duties Fair in Good Shape

The State Board of Agriculture is in session at the state house this afternoon, and will make its report to the governor, covering the operations of the last year. The board will, at this session, be presided over by President Wehrung for the last time, as his resignation, recently filed with the governor, has been accepted, as has the one of J. I. Settlemier, of Woodburn, a member of the board, and their successors have been appointed.

Frank Lee, of Portland, succeeds Mr. Settlemier, his term to expire March 14, 1906, and W. H. Downing, of Shaw, will succeed Mr. Wehrung, to serve until March 14, 1907. These gentlemen took the oath of office in the governor's office this morning, and will take their seats immediately after the present board disposes of the last year's business, when the election of officers will be held, as a complete new set has to be chosen.

President Wehrung's report shows that this year's fair premiums were paid in livestock agriculture and domestic arts exhibits, aggregating \$10,384.45, or \$384.45 more than the state appropriation made for that purpose. Needed improvements were also made, including the water system, costing in all \$298.36. Warrants were issued for these improvements on the improvement fund.

Secretary Wisdom, in his report, states that the fair was a success in every department, and the races especially were of the best. The two \$2000 stakes which closed early, brought in more funds in entry fees than the purses amounted to, one bringing in \$2100 and the other \$2065. A fine tribute is paid to the press of the state for the excellent work done, and the exhibitors are all reported as being well pleased, whether they secured the blue ribbon or not, and he predicts the greatest success for the fair in 1904. The receipts of the fair were \$35,375.83, and the disbursements, \$31,247.38, leaving a net profit of \$4,128.45. This added to the balance on hand from the preceding year, \$393.60, gives a balance on hand of \$4522.05. In addition of the above balance

the report shows that the following assets are available:
Due from race entries 1899...\$467.50
Due from race entries 1900... 450.00
Due from race entries 1901... 425.00
Due from race entries 1902... 738.00
Due from race entries 1903... 1320.00
Due from Greater Salem Club 1902... 130.50
Due from Greater Salem Club 1903... 562.50

MARRIED.

MATTHEWS - OLINGER.—At their home, 418 Liberty street, Salem, Oregon, Wednesday, at noon, December 16, 1903, Miss Frances Oskie Matthews to H. H. Olinger, both of Salem, Rev. W. C. Kantser officiating.

The contracting parties are prominent and well-known young society people of this city. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Matthews, the groom being a member of the dental profession and a star player on the Salem football team. The bridal couple stood under a bower of mistletoe caught up with a lovers' knot, the bride wearing a handsome gown of mode color crepe de sole, over taffeta, carrying white carnations. Gertrude Cunningham was ring bearer, and Mrs. W. H. Chatten played the wedding march. Mrs. Harvey A. Green, of Portland, Mrs. Milton Meyers and Miss Stella Hurst and Miss Edith Ragan assisted in the dining room, while Miss Carrie Hurst received the guests at the door. The decorations were of red and holly in the main hallway, the dining room pink and green, the parlor in green and white. An abundant and elegant lunch was served to the wedding party and guests. Among the presents received was a beautiful case of silver from the Elks' lodge, of which the groom is exalted ruler. Mr. and Mrs. Olinger received the most cordial congratulations from their hosts of friends, and take the afternoon train for Portland and the Puget Sound cities. They will be at home to their friends after New Year's.

DIED.

FENG.—At the Salem Hospital, Tuesday evening, December 15, 1903, at 8 o'clock, Jacob Feng, aged 76 years, of old age.
Deceased was a gardener by occupation, his residence being in East Salem. He was a veteran of the civil war.

The Purple Show.

Mrs. Hallie Parrish Hinges, George Snyder, Jacob Ristine, Ed. Ristine, Cook Patton, Story Chase and A. P. Aufrance were passengers to Albany, where they will assist in the Elks' Purple Show this evening.

Electric Hand Lamps

Another lot by today's express. A wonderful convenience for those who must be out at night.

Ask to see them, and if you want to give one a night's trial, say the word and you may.

Mud guards and mud splashes for your wheel. We fit them. You feel better when you dismount from your wheel. If you know you are not streaked with mud from your head to your heels.

Bike capes, too, for men and boys. And carbide, plenty of it, 2 pounds for 25c, in packages. You furnish the can.

And sewing machine oil, the sort that won't gum, Nye's sperm oil. And needles, too—Excelsior or Howard's Needles, best in the world; 25c a dozen; four for 10c.

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BIDS INVITED

For supplies for the Oregon State Penitentiary, during the period ending June 30, 1904.

Scaled bids for Drugs, Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes, Leather and Findings, Plumbing Supplies, Hardware, Flour, Fish, Meat, etc., will be received at the office of the Superintendent of the State Penitentiary until Thursday, January 7, 1904, at 3 o'clock p. m., at which time they will be opened.

A deposit of \$200 in cash or certified check, payable to the Superintendent must accompany each bid for meat or flour, and all other bids must be accompanied by an amount equal to 10 per cent of the amount of the bid.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, and to accept or reject any portion of a bid.

On each envelope should be inscribed the nature of the bid. Goods of Oregon manufacture or production will receive preference, other things being equal.

All goods and supplies must be delivered to the Penitentiary within 20 days after the contract is awarded. Schedules of the various lines of goods will be furnished upon application to the Superintendent.

Vouchers will be issued for payment on the first of the month following the completion of contract, and monthly on continuous contracts.

Bidders are invited to be present. C. W. JAMES, Superintendent Oregon State Penitentiary, Salem, Oregon, December 14, 1903. 16-19-22-24-29-3-5.



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Mrs. Manning President.
St. Louis, Dec. 16.—The board of lady managers of the exposition today elected Mrs. Daniel Manning, of New York president, to succeed Mrs. Blair. She was placed in nomination by Helen Gould.

Don't Let It Escape
When you have at last seized such a good opportunity of having your laundry work done in such perfect condition, and of such an irreplaceable color and finish as you will find everything that leaves our establishment. We have aimed to make the work done at the Salem Steam Laundry perfect, and to keep it at the top notch of perfection, and we have succeeded in gratifying our patrons beyond our fondest hopes. Drop us a postal card or telephone, and the wagon will stop.

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This is an opportunity of the year to get a late style garment at less than wholesale cost.

See window display.



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Horse Strayed.—A chestnut bay, bald-faced gelding, weighing between 1400 and 1500 pounds, with halter on; strayed from place Saturday evening. Reward for his return to Joseph A. Ditter, Aumsville, Oregon, R. F. D. 12-16-03*

Stray.—A bay mare, three years old, white star in forehead, hind feet white, old shoes on fore feet; had halter on with rope tied about neck. Left Salem, December 12th. Take her up and notify S. E. Howard, Salem. 12-16-03

Turkey Shoot.—About fifty first-class turkeys shot off at J. H. Elgin place, eight miles South of Salem Monday, Dec. 21st. Lunch served free. 12-14-03*

WHEAT MARKETS.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Wheat, 78% @ 78% c.

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Novel discussions, by experts, of several phases of contemporary advertising. The first paper, The Psychology of Advertising, is by Professor W. D. Scott. It will be followed by The Abuses of Public Advertising by Charles Mulford Robinson.

The Ethics of Business

A group of trenchant inquiries into the right and wrong of present business methods. The first article, Is Commercialism in Disgrace? has been written by John Graham Brooks.

Special Offer to New Subscribers.

In order to introduce the Atlantic Monthly to new readers the publishers offer three issues as a special trial subscription, for 50 cents. Upon receipt of \$4.00 they will mail the October, November, and December numbers, and the magazine for the entire year of 1904, to the new subscribers.
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